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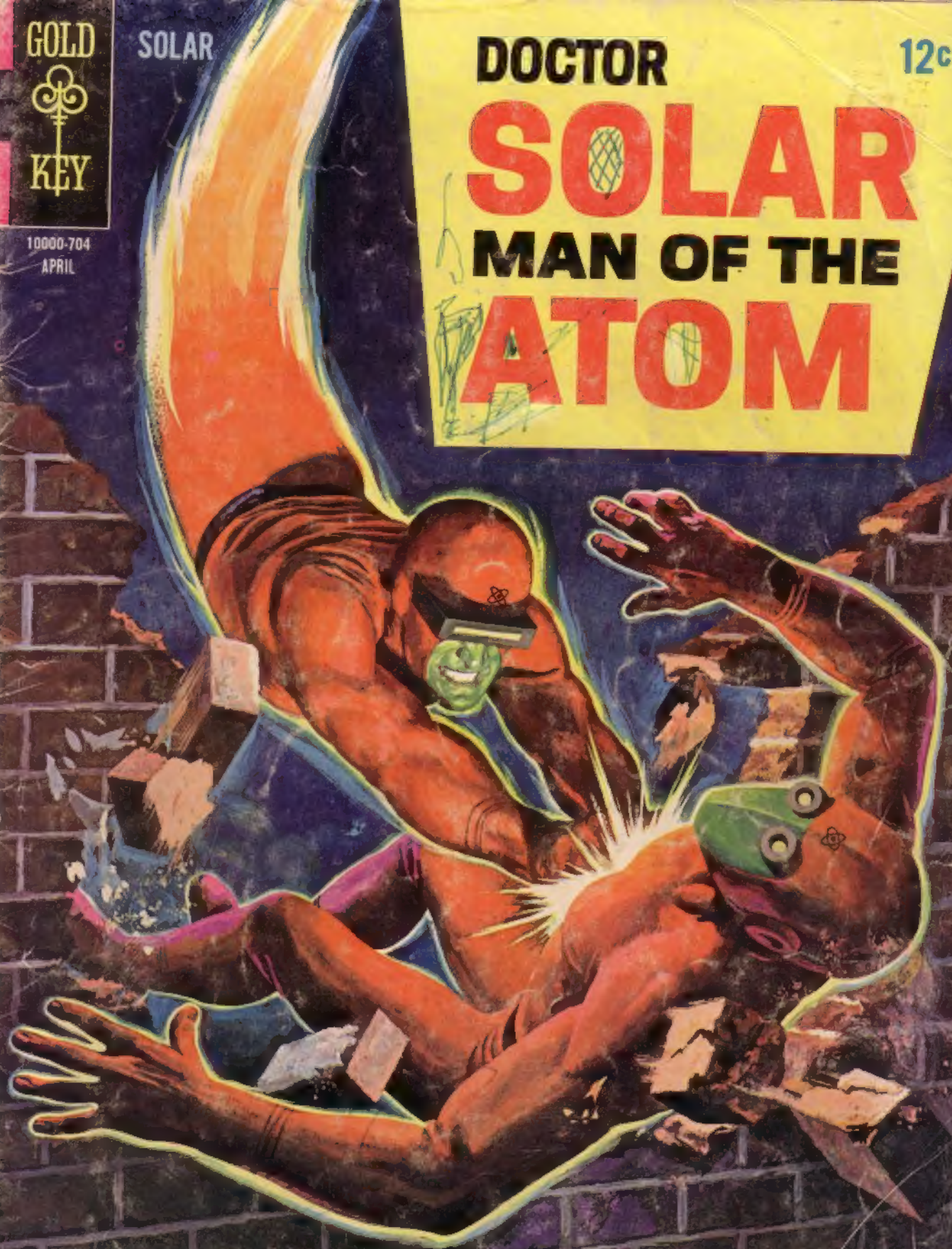
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SOLAR MAN OF THE ATOM

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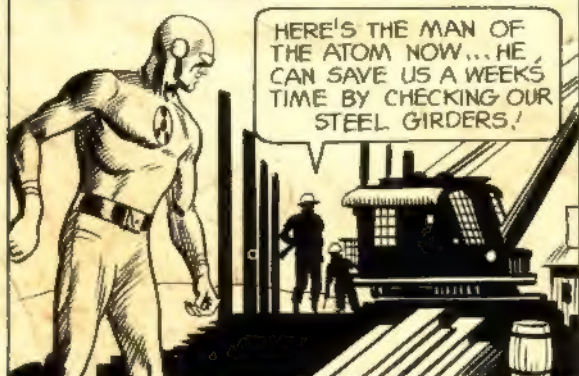
Atomic man against atomic machine!
WHO WINS—when Solar battles "Solar" to the death?



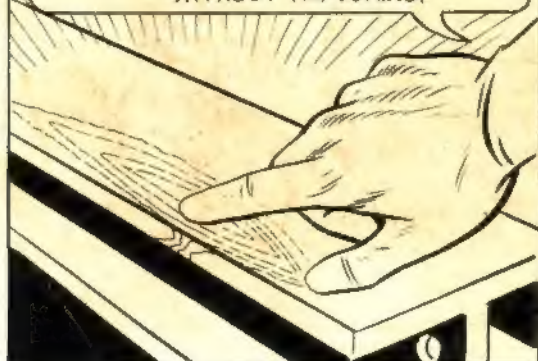
SOLAR DOES NOT "FEEL" LIKE THE ORDINARY HUMAN! HIS ATOMIC RADIATION ENABLES HIM TO ACTUALLY FEEL AND ANALYZE THE MOLECULES OF AN OBJECT...



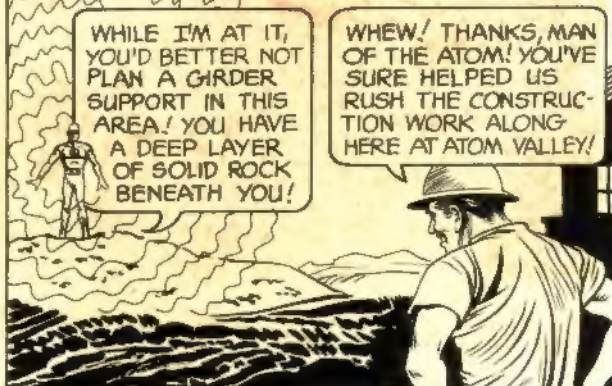
SO HIGHLY ATTUNED IS HIS ATOMIC "SENSE OF TOUCH" THAT HIS ABILITY WAS UTILIZED DURING THE BUILDING OF A NEW ATOMIC REACTOR AT ATOM VALLEY...



YOU HAVE A LARGE STRUCTURAL FLAW IN THIS GIRDER RUNNING ABOUT EIGHT INCHES LONG BY TWO INCHES WIDE! IT WON'T HOLD A STRESS OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND POUNDS WITHOUT RUPTURING!



EVEN THE GROUND CAN BE "FELT" BY SOLAR TO A DEPTH OF MANY FEET... WAVES OF RADIATION PENETRATING DOWNWARD FROM HIS PALMS...



DOCTOR SOLAR.

SOLAR vs. SOLAR

THE PEOPLE OF CENTER CITY GAPED IN SHOCKED BEWILDERMENT AS THEY OBSERVED THE FAMED "MAN OF THE ATOM" APPARENTLY GO BERSERK! AT THE SPEED OF SOUND, HE WHIP-LASHED ABOUT THE AREA, RECKLESSLY SPEWING HIS ATOMIC ENERGIES IN A FANTASTIC DISPLAY OF POWER! AND UNLESS DR. SOLAR COULD PROVE THIS SOARING FIGURE WAS A FAKE, IT COULD MEAN AN END TO THE REAL MAN OF THE ATOM!

A-A DOUBLE OF MYSELF--
ZIPPING THROUGH THE AIR
ON A-A NUCLEAR BEAM!

GREAT SCOTT, SOLAR--
HE IS PANICKING THE
PEOPLE....CREATING
HAVOC! AND YOU'LL
BE BLAMED FOR IT!



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IN ONE OF THE MANY
SECRET HEADQUARTERS
OF **NURO**, SINISTER WORLD
ENEMY SUPREME...

WHAT'S **THIS**
I HEAR, **NURO**--
ANOTHER SECRET
PROJECT IS IN
THE WORKS AND
YOU'VE ASSIGNED
THAT ROBOT TO
RUN IT?

YOU'RE FOR-
GETTING, **UZBEK**--



I RUN **ALL** THE
PROJECTS! BUT **ORUN**
HERE IS TAILOR-MADE
TO BE THE KEY FIGURE
IN **THIS** OPERATION!



ONLY A PERFECTLY PRO-
GRAMMED ROBOT SUCH AS
ORUN COULD HOPE TO
SUCCEED! OBSERVE, YOU
IMPETUOUS FOOL!

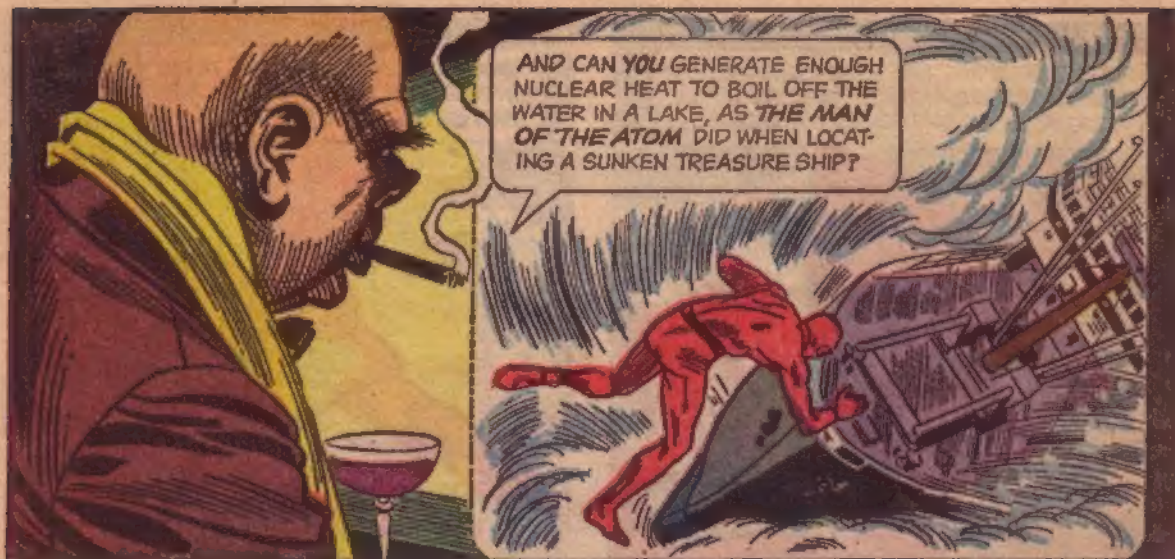
NEWSREELS
OF THE MAN
OF THE ATOM!



EXACTLY! DO YOU THINK THAT **YOU**, **UZBEK**,
COULD KEEP PACE WITH THAT **JET PLANE**
AT AN ALTITUDE OF **FIFTY THOUSAND FEET**?



OR DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD
RADIATE ENOUGH ATOMIC POWER TO
MELT THROUGH A MOUNTAIN LIKE THAT?



AND CAN YOU GENERATE ENOUGH NUCLEAR HEAT TO BOIL OFF THE WATER IN A LAKE, AS **THE MAN OF THE ATOM** DID WHEN LOCATING A SUNKEN TREASURE SHIP?



NO--BUT NEITHER CAN ANYONE ELSE ON EARTH!

I CAN, UZBEK!

CLICK!



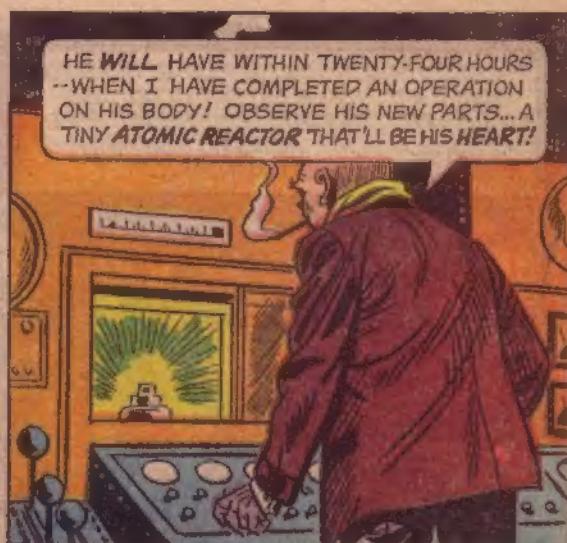
YOU MEAN THIS SUPER-DUPER TIN CAN CAN DO ALL THAT?

PRECISELY! AND MORE!



IN THIS **MAN OF THE ATOM** COSTUME HE WILL DUPLICATE ALMOST TO THE LETTER A DOZEN FEATS OF THAT NUCLEAR AGE WONDER!

BUT ORUN IS JUST A HIGHLY-PROGRAMMED THING-UMAJIG! HE HASN'T ATOMIC POWERS LIKE **THE MAN OF THE ATOM**!



HE **WILL** HAVE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS --WHEN I HAVE COMPLETED AN OPERATION ON HIS BODY! OBSERVE HIS NEW PARTS... A **TINY ATOMIC REACTOR** THAT'LL BE HIS HEART!

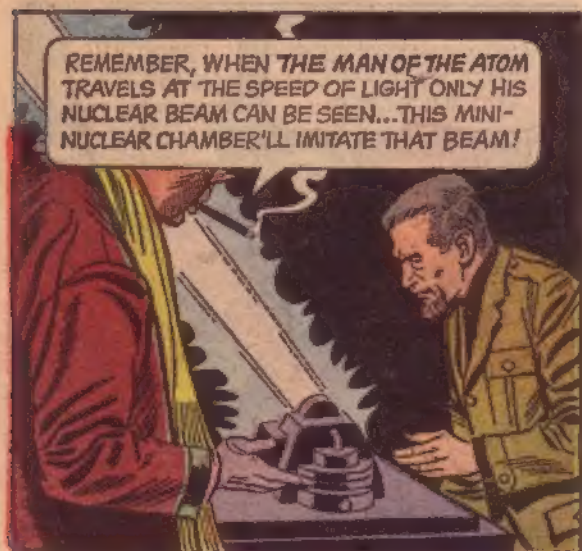
POWERED BY THE TINY REACTOR, THESE JET TUBES WILL SPEED HIM THROUGH THE SKIES AT FOUR TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND...



"THAT SPEED WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HIM TO IMITATE THE MAN OF THE ATOM IN FLIGHT..."



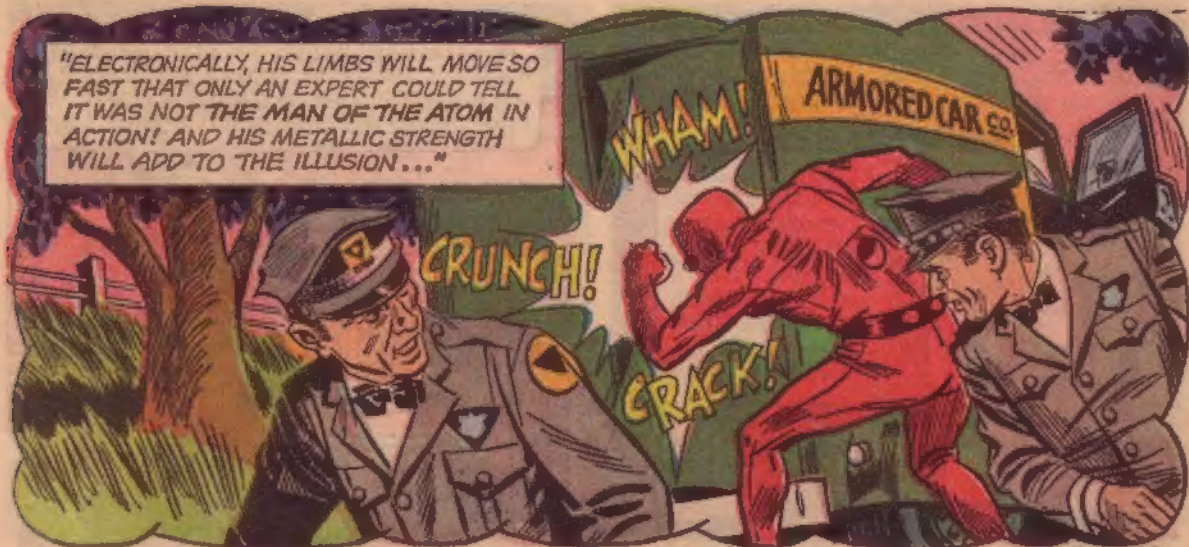
REMEMBER, WHEN THE MAN OF THE ATOM TRAVELS AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT ONLY HIS NUCLEAR BEAM CAN BE SEEN... THIS MINI-NUCLEAR CHAMBER 'LL IMITATE THAT BEAM!

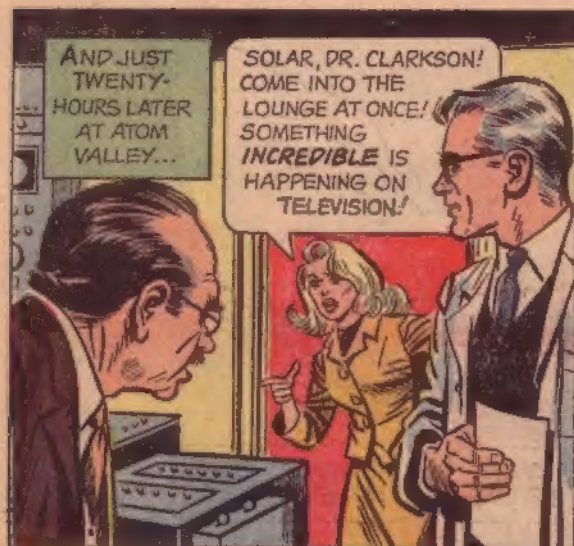


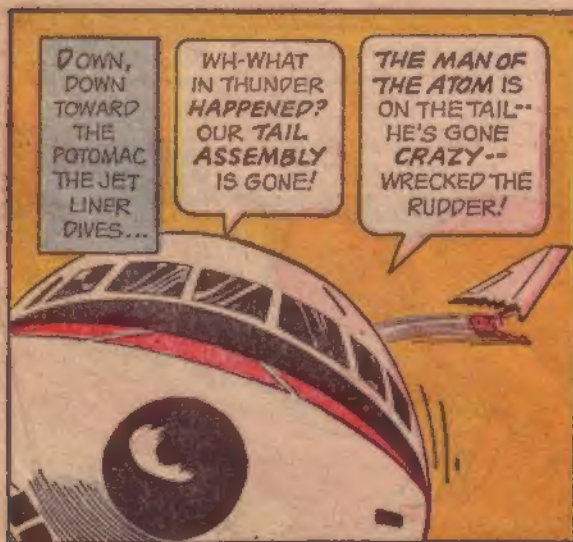
I AM PLACING A NEW BANK OF SUPER-SPEED COMPUTERS IN HIS CHEST CAVITY THAT WILL FURTHER ENHANCE HIS ROLE!

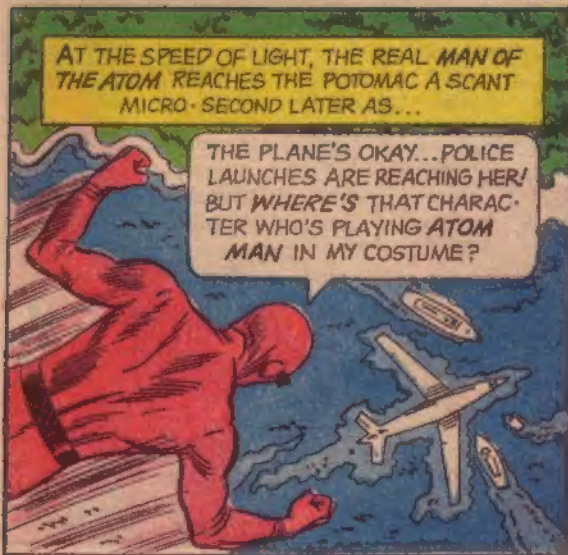


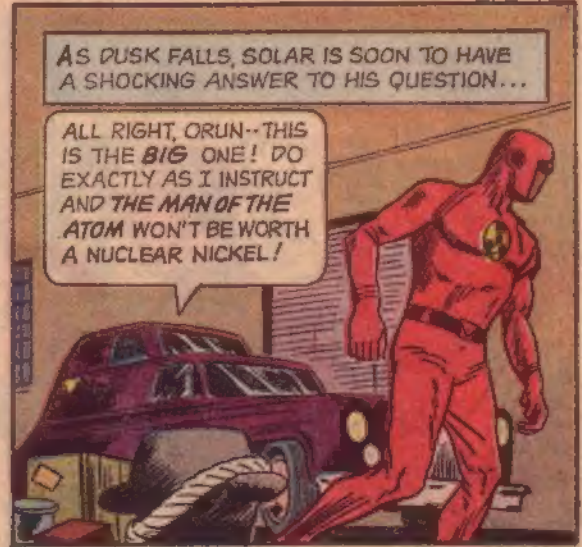
"ELECTRONICALLY, HIS LIMBS WILL MOVE SO FAST THAT ONLY AN EXPERT COULD TELL IT WAS NOT THE MAN OF THE ATOM IN ACTION! AND HIS METALLIC STRENGTH WILL ADD TO THE ILLUSION..."



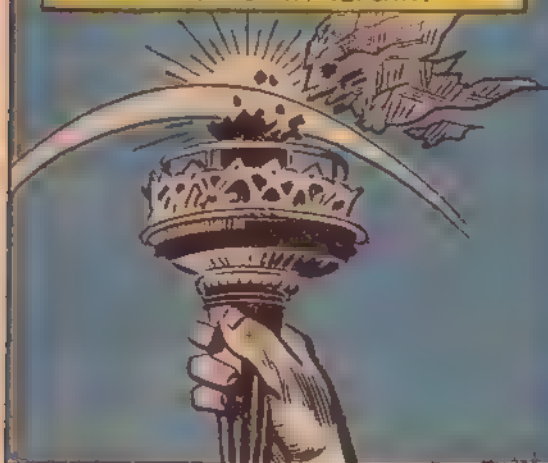




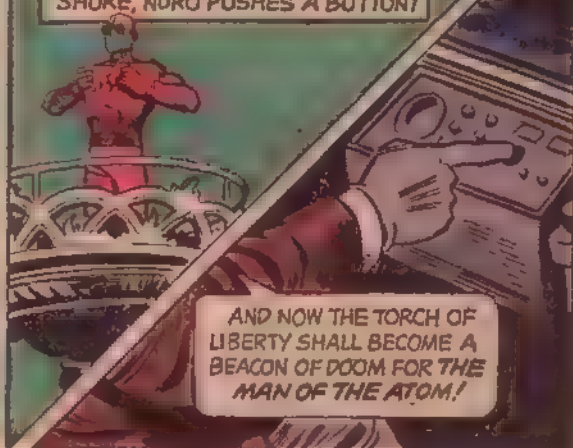




A STEEL-HARD HAND LASHES OUT AT
THE FAMED LIBERTY TORCH...



THEN, ORUN STANDS ON THE
TORCH FOUNDATION...AND ON-
SHORE, NURO PUSHES A BUTTON!



AND NOW THE TORCH OF
LIBERTY SHALL BECOME A
BEACON OF DOOM FOR THE
MAN OF THE ATOM!

INSTANTLY,
ATOMIC
POWER IS
LIBERATED
WITHIN
ORUN...HIS
BODY GLOWS
FIERCELY.

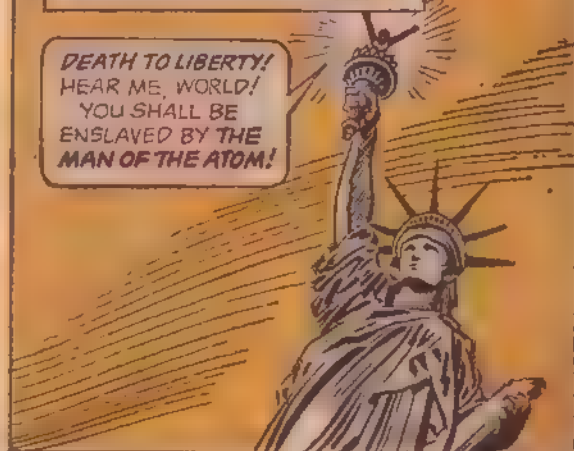
LO-LOOK!
LO-LOOK!
IT'S THE
MAN OF
THE ATOM
AGAIN!

GREAT GRIEF!
HE'S SMASHED
THE LIBERTY
TORCH--HE'S
REPLACING IT
WITH HIS OWN
GLOWING
NUCLEAR
ENERGY!



A FEARFUL CRY RINGS OUT
ACROSS NEW YORK HARBOR...

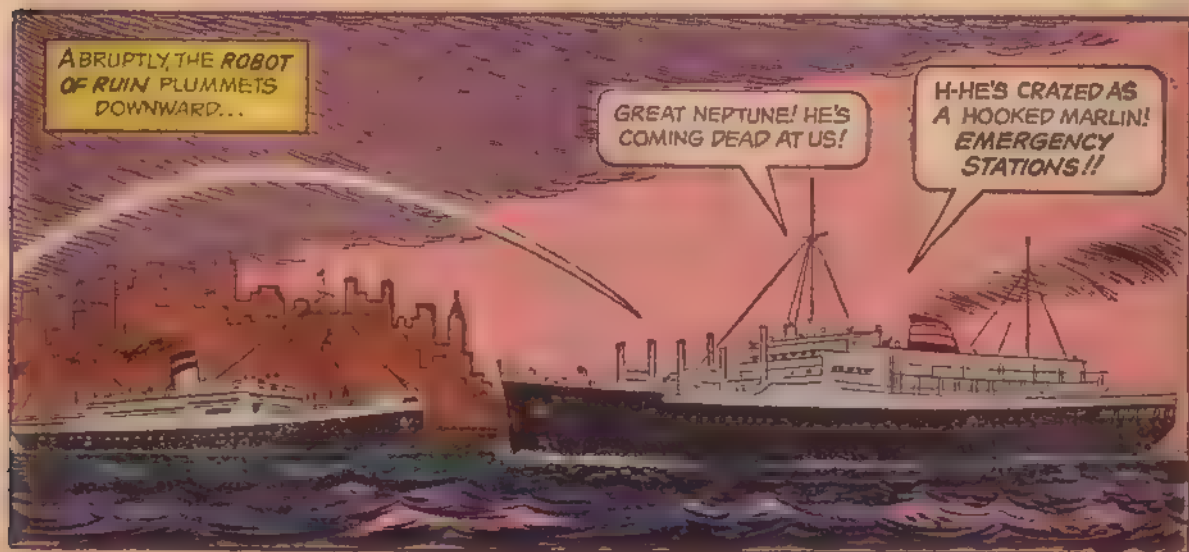
DEATH TO LIBERTY!
HEAR ME, WORLD!
YOU SHALL BE
ENSLAVED BY THE
MAN OF THE ATOM!

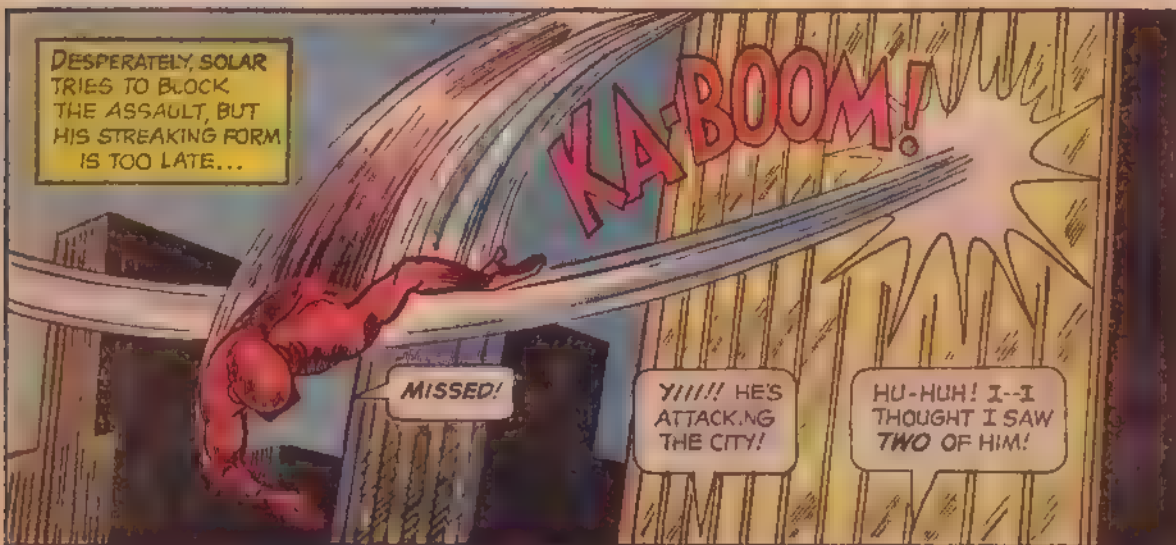
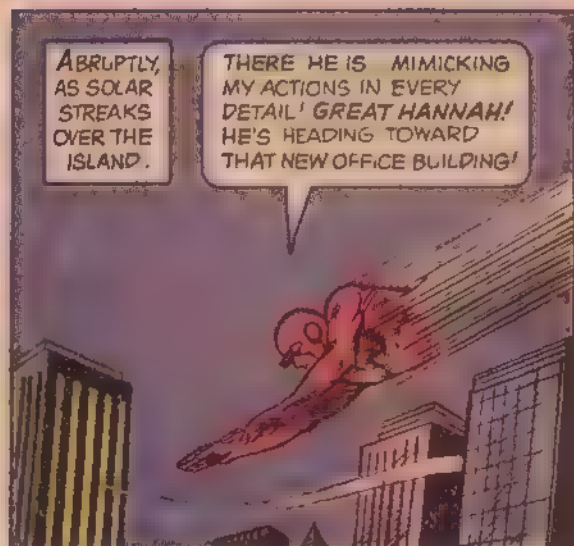
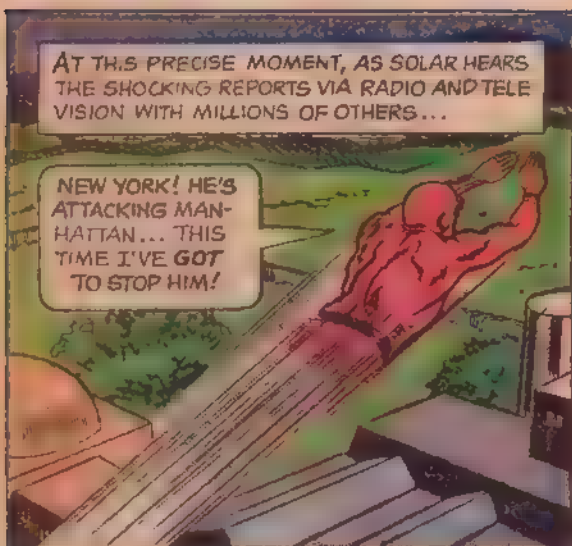
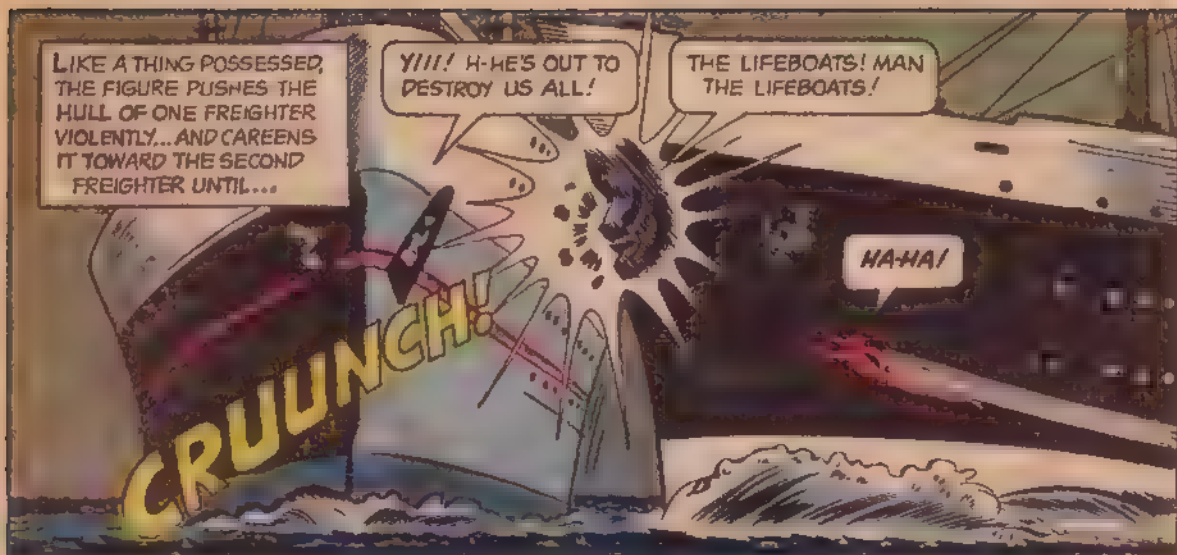


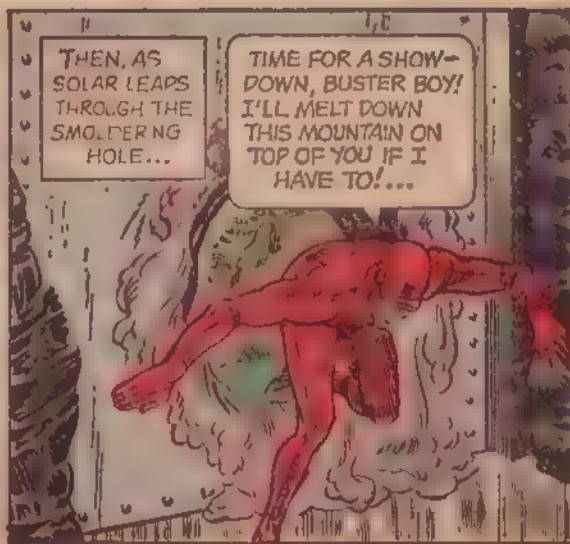
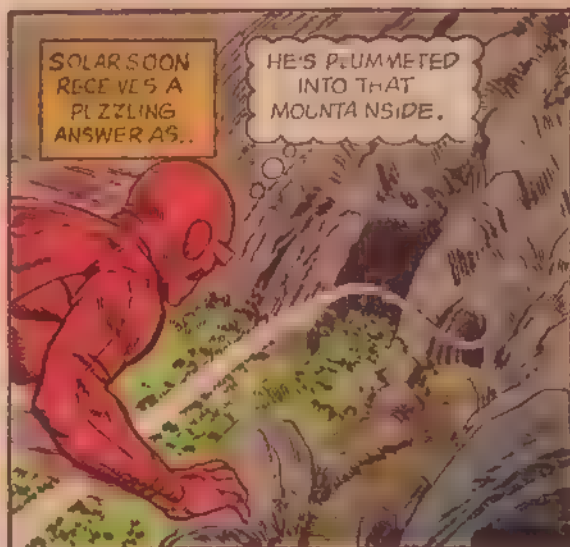
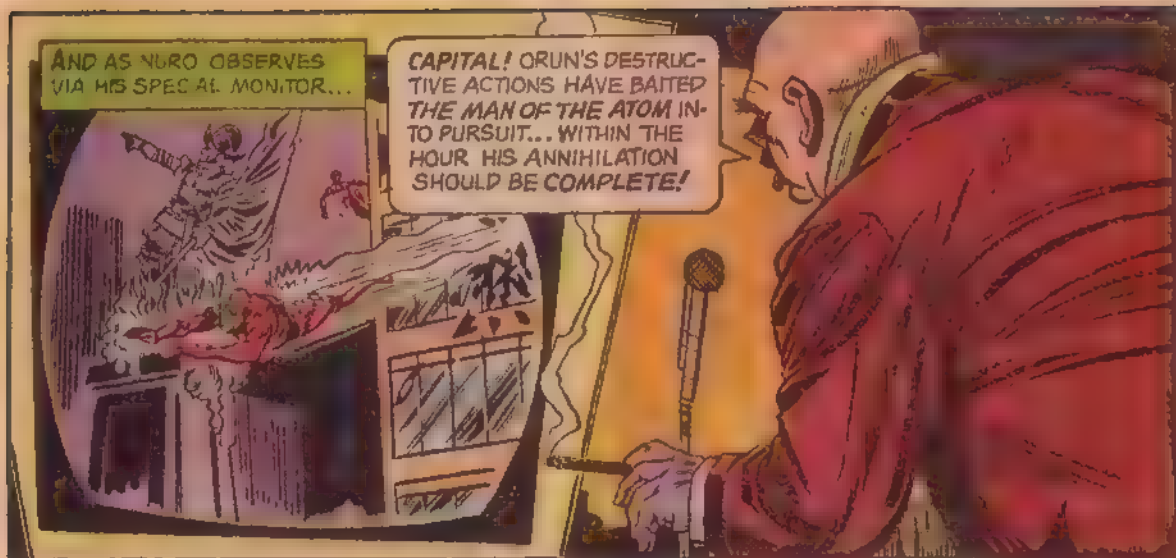
ABRUPTLY, THE ROBOT
OF RUIN PLUMMETS
DOWNWARD...

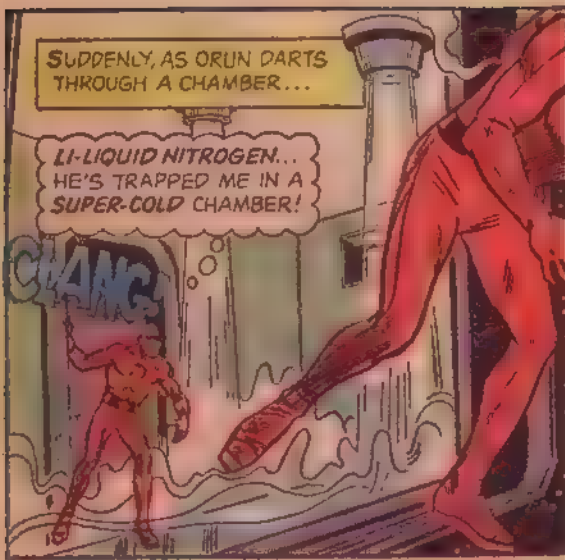
GREAT NEPTUNE! HE'S
COMING DEAD AT US!

H-HE'S CRAZED AS
A HOOKED MARLIN!
EMERGENCY
STATIONS!!



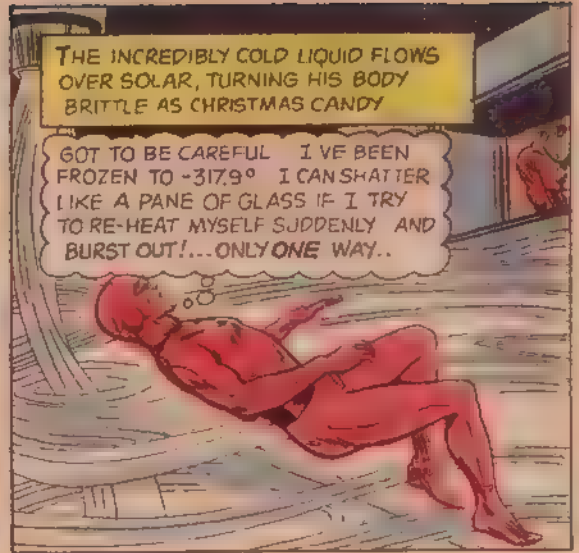






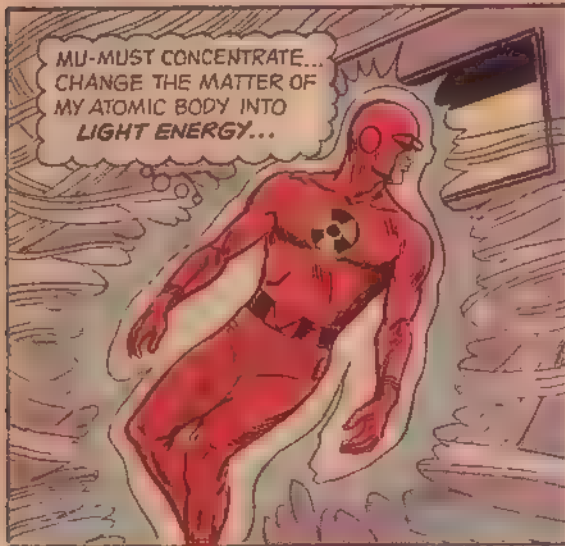
SUDDENLY, AS ORUN DARTS
THROUGH A CHAMBER...

LI-LIQUID NITROGEN...
HE'S TRAPPED ME IN A
SUPER-COLD CHAMBER!

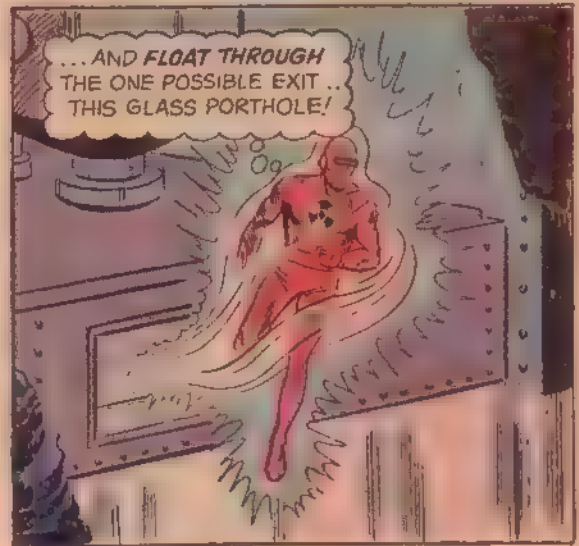


THE INCREDIBLY COLD LIQUID FLOWS
OVER SOLAR, TURNING HIS BODY
BRITTLE AS CHRISTMAS CANDY

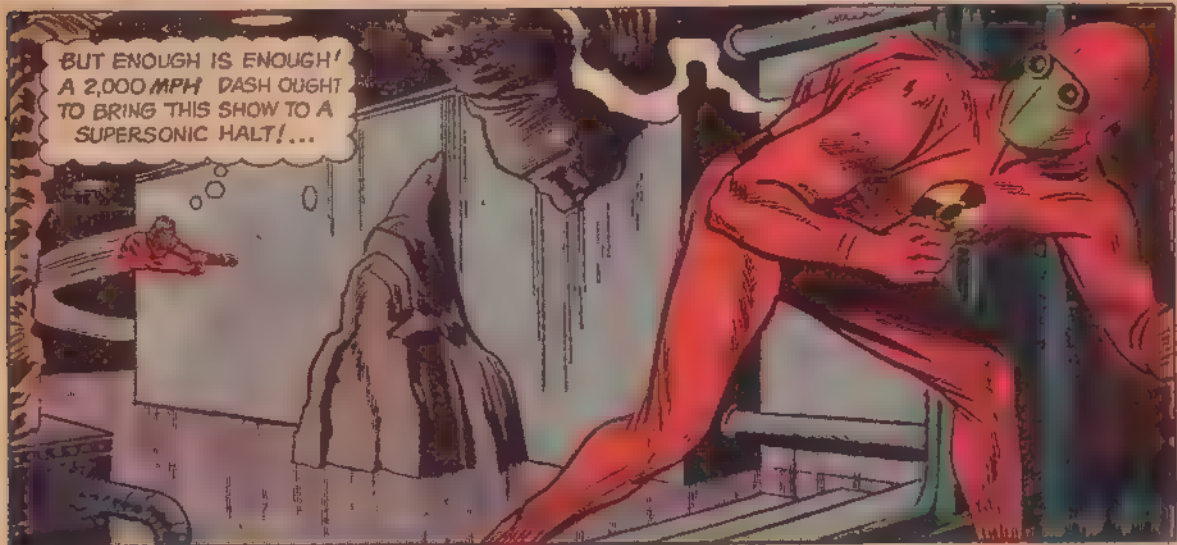
GOT TO BE CAREFUL I'VE BEEN
FROZEN TO -317.9° I CAN SHATTER
LIKE A PANE OF GLASS IF I TRY
TO RE-HEAT MYSELF SUDDENLY AND
BURST OUT!... ONLY ONE WAY..



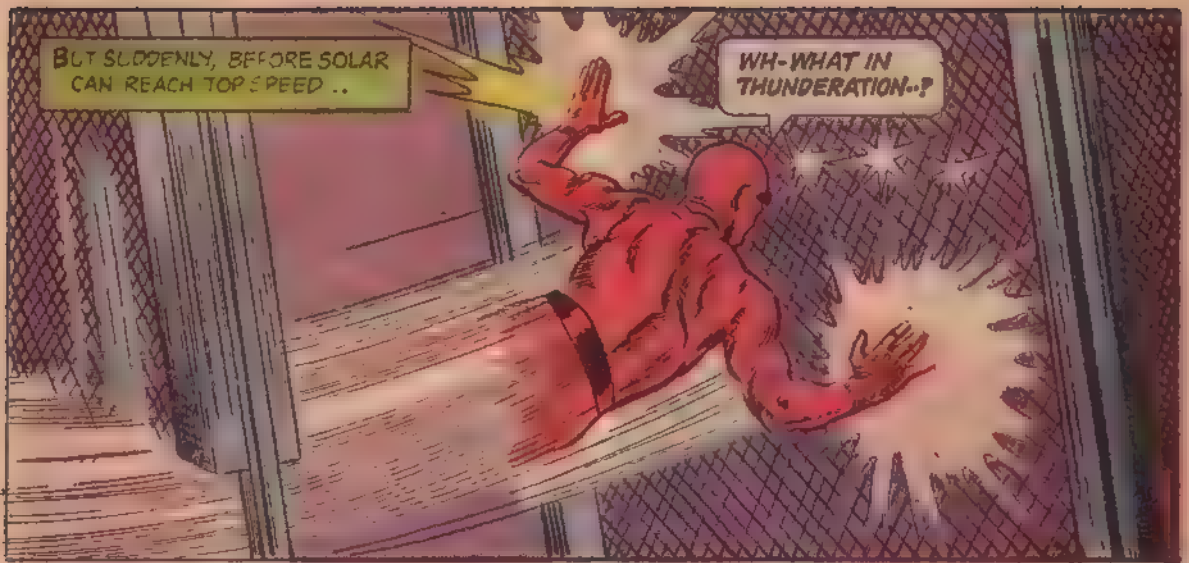
MU-MUST CONCENTRATE...
CHANGE THE MATTER OF
MY ATOMIC BODY INTO
LIGHT ENERGY...



...AND FLOAT THROUGH
THE ONE POSSIBLE EXIT...
THIS GLASS PORTHOLE!

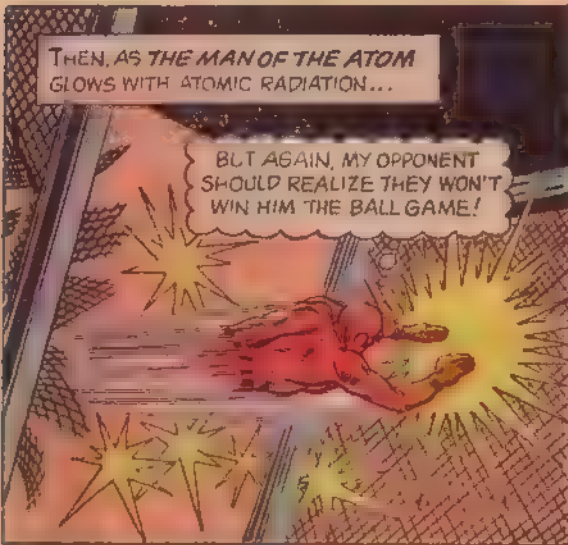


BUT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
A 2,000 MPH DASH OUGHT
TO BRING THIS SHOW TO A
SUPERSONIC HALT!...



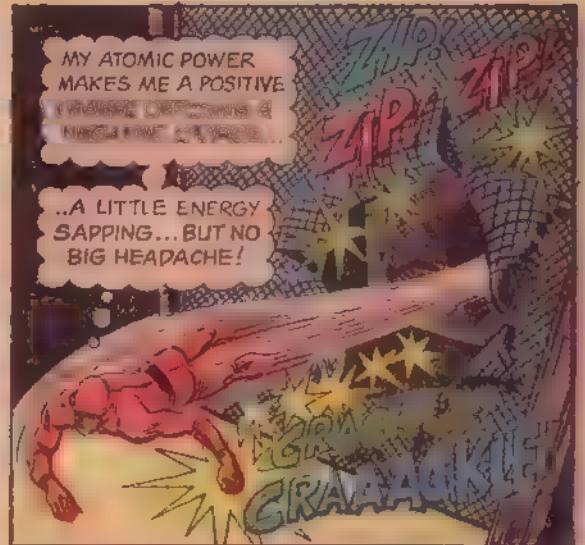
BUT SUDDENLY, BEFORE SOLAR CAN REACH TOP SPEED...

WH-WHAT IN THUNDER-?!



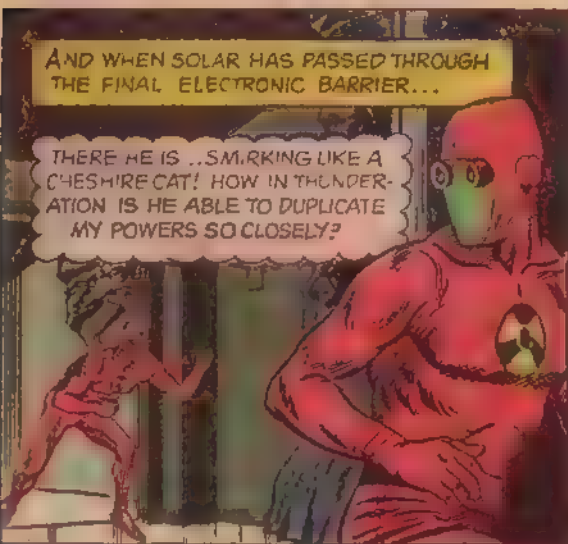
THEN, AS *THE MAN OF THE ATOM* GLOWS WITH ATOMIC RADIATION...

BUT AGAIN, MY OPPONENT SHOULD REALIZE THEY WON'T WIN HIM THE BALL GAME!



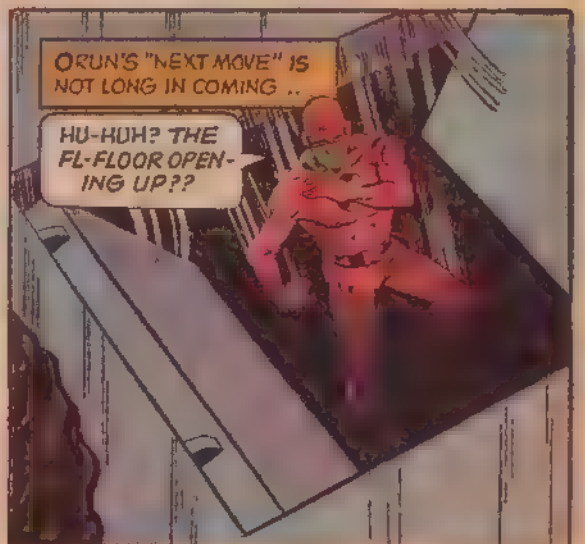
MY ATOMIC POWER MAKES ME A POSITIVE CHARGE OF COURAGE & HIGH-LEVEL ENERGY!

...A LITTLE ENERGY SAPPING... BUT NO BIG HEADACHE!



AND WHEN SOLAR HAS PASSED THROUGH THE FINAL ELECTRONIC BARRIER...

THERE HE IS... SMIRKING LIKE A CHESHIRE CAT! HOW IN THUNDERATION IS HE ABLE TO DUPLICATE MY POWERS SO CLOSELY?

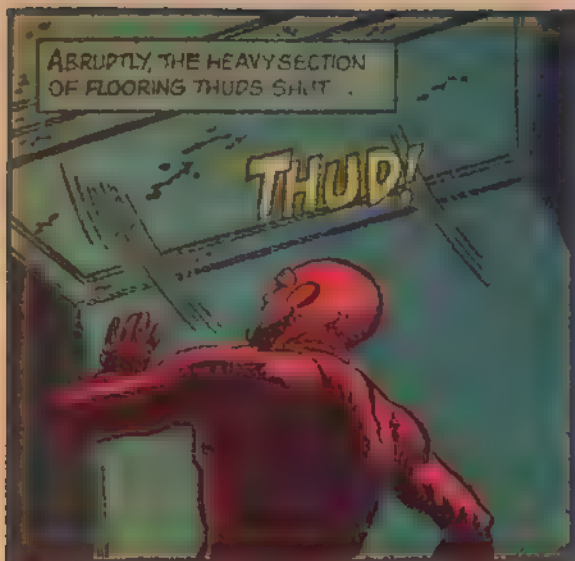


ORUN'S "NEXT MOVE" IS NOT LONG IN COMING...

HU-HUH? THE FL-FLOOR OPENING UP??

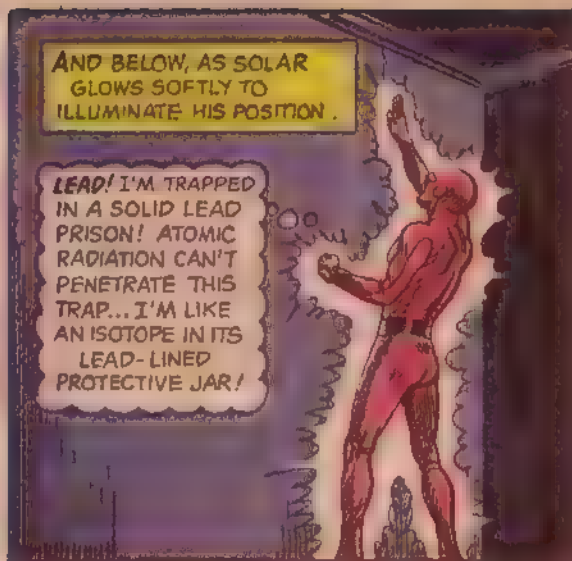
ABRUPTLY, THE HEAVY SECTION
OF FLOORING THUDS SHUT.

THUD!

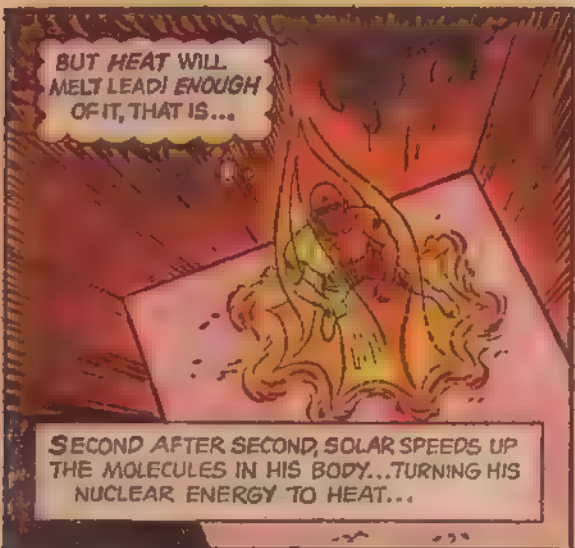


AND BELOW, AS SOLAR
GLOWS SOFTLY TO
ILLUMINATE HIS POSITION.

LEAD! I'M TRAPPED
IN A SOLID LEAD
PRISON! ATOMIC
RADIATION CAN'T
PENETRATE THIS
TRAP... I'M LIKE
AN ISOTOPE IN ITS
LEAD-LINED
PROTECTIVE JAR!



BUT HEAT WILL
MELT LEAD! ENOUGH
OF IT, THAT IS...



SECOND AFTER SECOND, SOLAR SPEEDS UP
THE MOLECULES IN HIS BODY...TURNING HIS
NUCLEAR ENERGY TO HEAT...

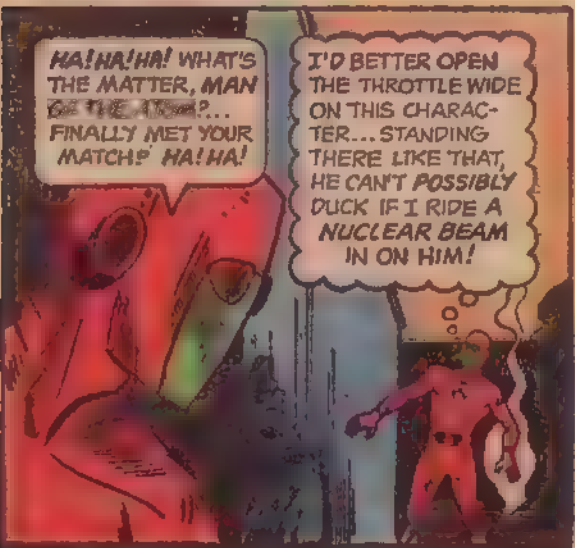
AND FINALLY

LEAD WALLS DO NOT A
PRISON MAKE...WHEN
YOU'RE BUILT LIKE AN
ATOMIC BOMB! BUT
WHAT'S MY RINGER GOT
WAITING FOR ME NOW?



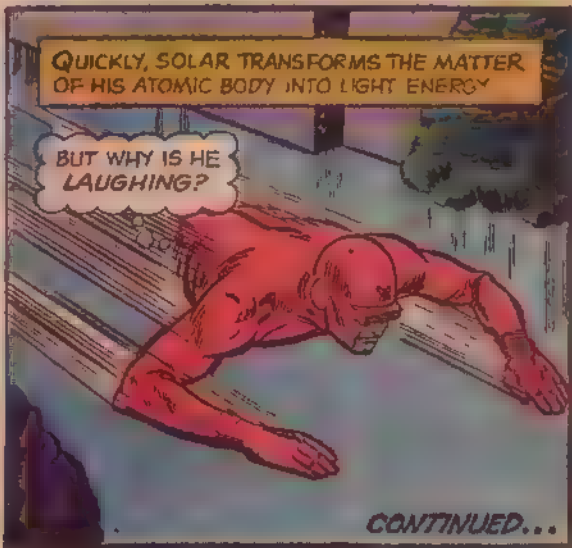
HA! HA! HA! WHAT'S
THE MATTER, MAN
OF THE ATOM?...
FINALLY MET YOUR
MATCH? HA! HA!

I'D BETTER OPEN
THE THROTTLE WIDE
ON THIS CHARAC-
TER...STANDING
THERE LIKE THAT,
HE CAN'T POSSIBLY
DUCK IF I RIDE A
NUCLEAR BEAM
IN ON HIM!



QUICKLY, SOLAR TRANSFORMS THE MATTER
OF HIS ATOMIC BODY INTO LIGHT ENERGY

BUT WHY IS HE
LAUGHING?



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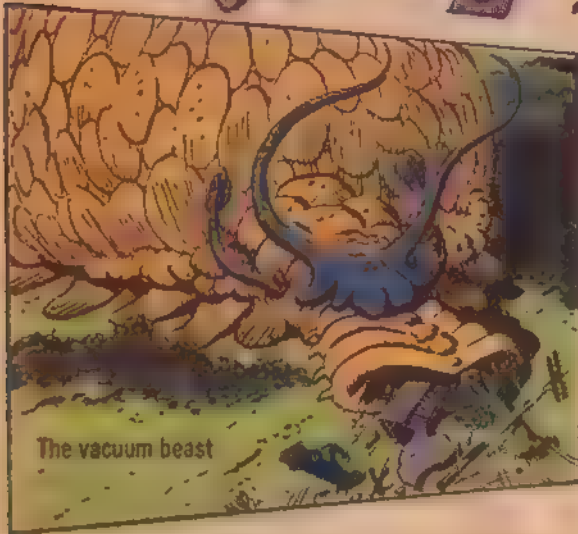
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CAN YOU
CREATE A
MONSTER?



The vacuum beast

Help! We've created a monster! And now it's on a rampage, out of control! The only way to stop it is to create another monster with powers to overcome this one. Can you do it? Draw your own weird creature, by itself if you wish, or you might show it in battle with our monster. Tell us what his powers are and send it to Monster Art, c/o Gold Key Comics Club at the address given below. We'll print as many of your drawings as we can.

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The vise-jawed monster to clamp shut on the suction snout.



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These monsters might do the job but maybe yours can do it faster or neater.

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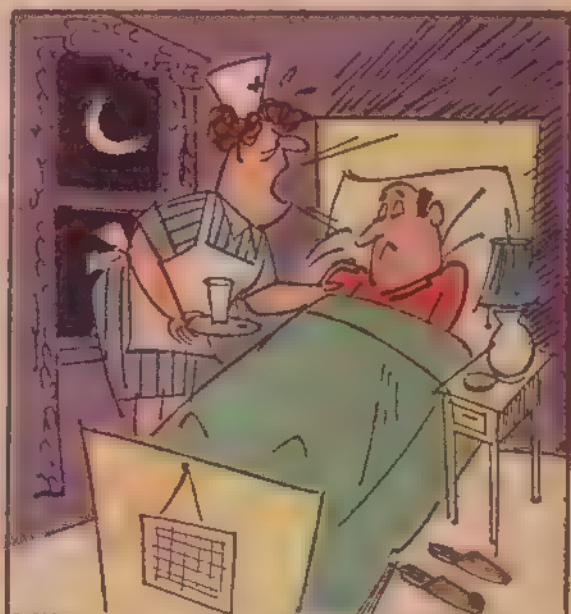
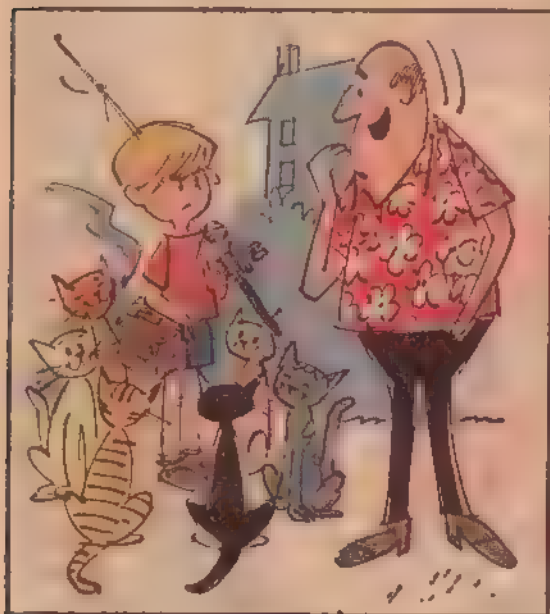
Our line: "What a time to be caught without a marshmallow!"

WHAT'S YOUR LINE?



Try your humor I.Q. What line do you think best suits the picture below? Just for fun, try it on your friends, too. We hope our line is as funny as yours.

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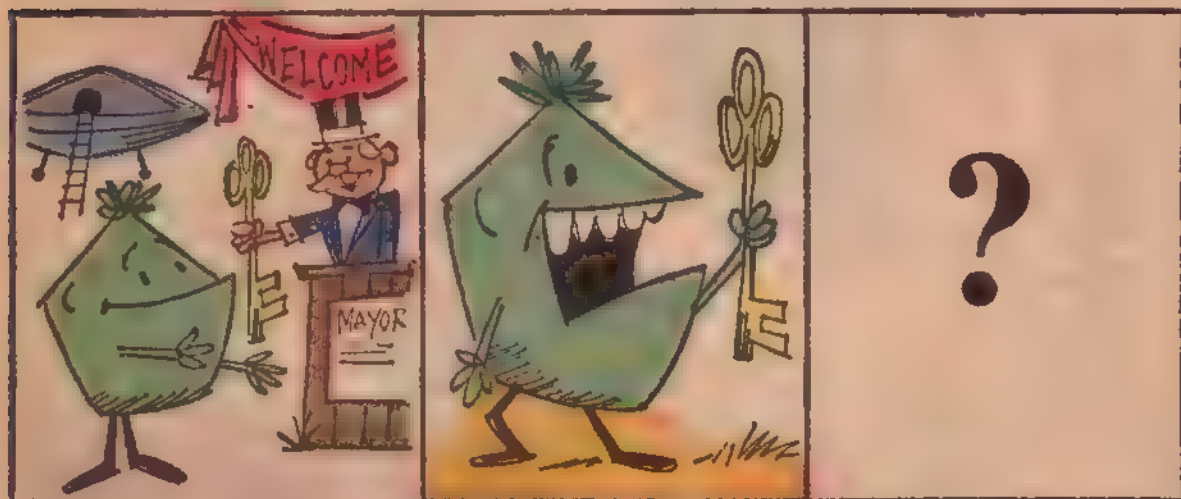
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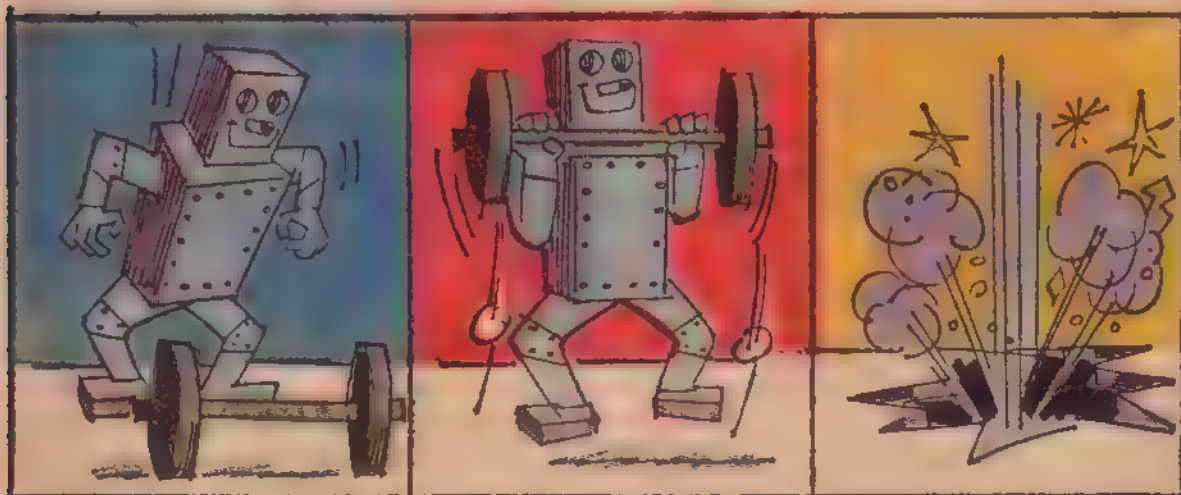
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Our gag artist drew the funniest cartoon he has ever done. Then, before he could show it to the editors, his dog got hold of it and ate the last panel. And now the artist can't remember the gag. Maybe you can think up a funny ending so that all his work won't be wasted. If you can, draw it and send it to Complete The Comic, c/o Gold Key Comics Club at the address given below. We'll print the ones we think are the funniest. Let's see how many different ones you can come up with.



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Just to give you an idea, here's one the dog didn't get.



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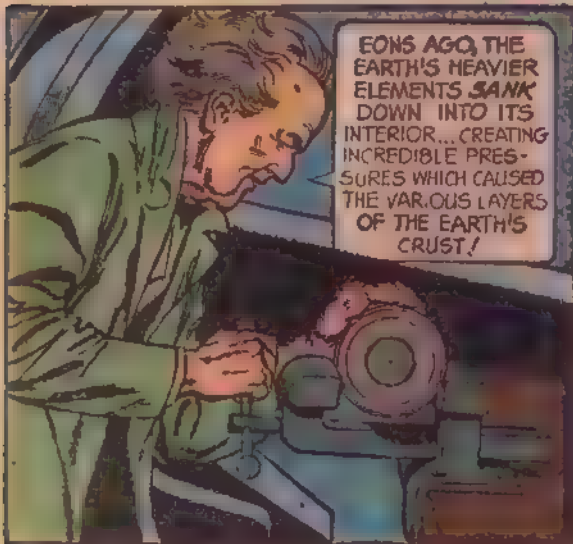
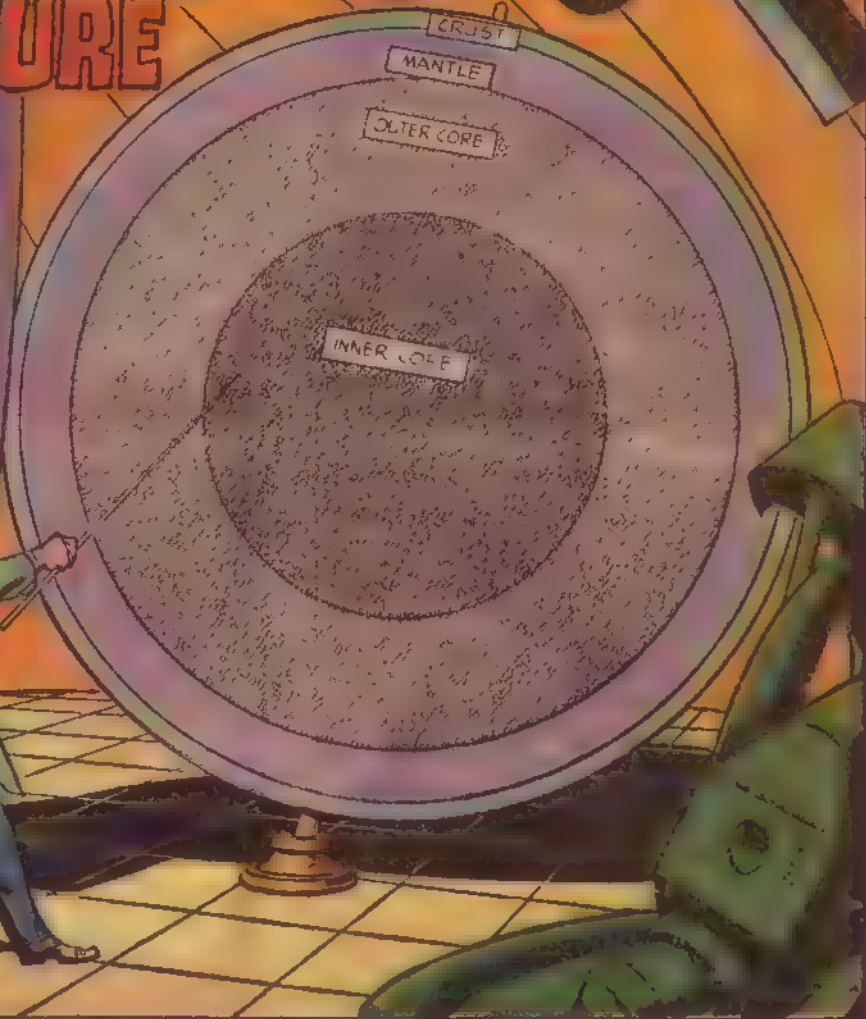
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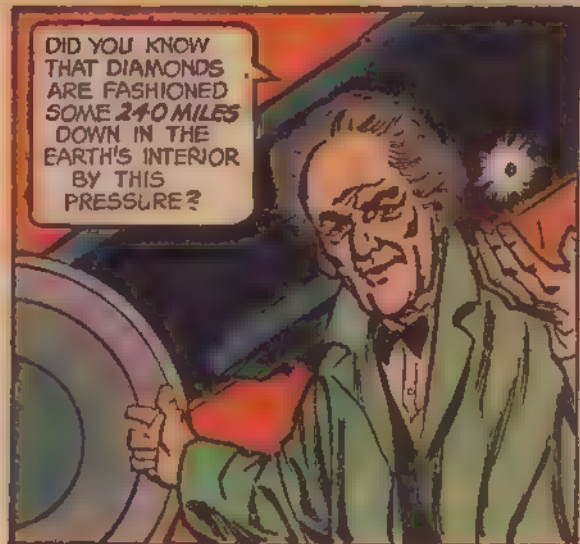
Professor Harbinger

PRESSURE

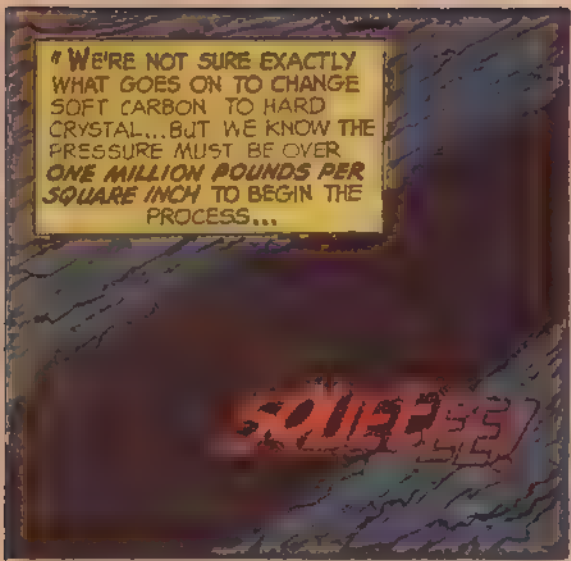
OBSERVE THE INNARDS OF OUR MULTI-LAYERED EARTH, FRIENDS! IT HAS AN **INNER CORE**, MOST LIKELY MADE UP OF SOLID IRON OR NICKEL... AN **OUTER CORE** OF MOLTEN METAL, A WARM **MANTLE** AND A THIN COOL **CRUST**! AN UTTERLY FANTASTIC GLOBE INDEED!



EONS AGO, THE EARTH'S HEAVIER ELEMENTS **SANK** DOWN INTO ITS INTERIOR... CREATING INCREDIBLE PRESSURES WHICH CAUSED THE VARIOUS LAYERS OF THE EARTH'S CRUST!

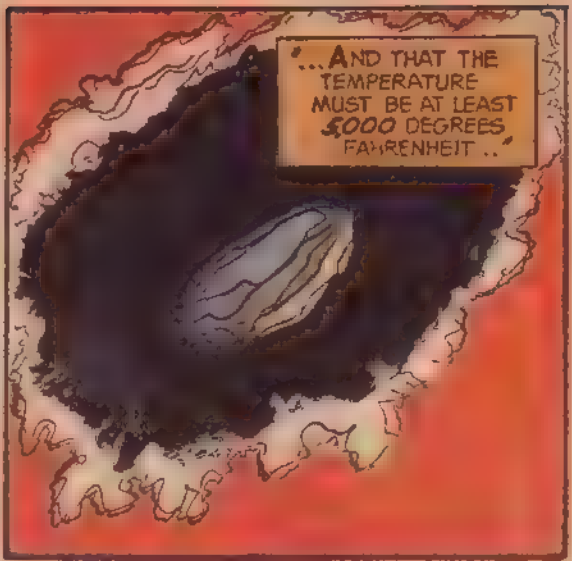


DID YOU KNOW THAT DIAMONDS ARE FASHIONED SOME **240 MILES** DOWN IN THE EARTH'S INTERIOR BY THIS PRESSURE?

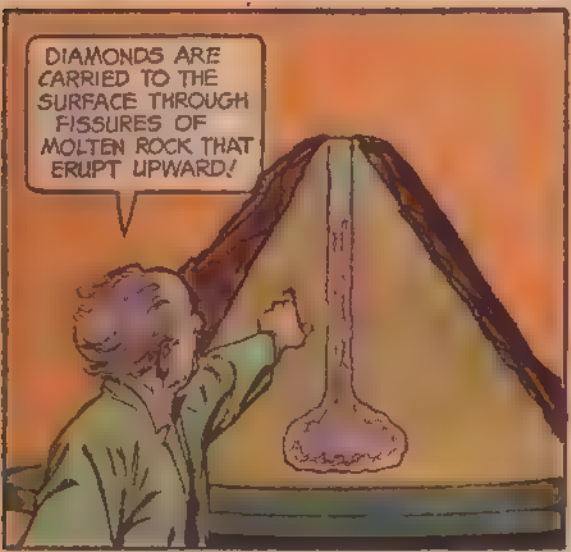


"WE'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY
WHAT GOES ON TO CHANGE
SOFT CARBON TO HARD
CRYSTAL...BUT WE KNOW THE
PRESSURE MUST BE OVER
**ONE MILLION POUNDS PER
SQUARE INCH** TO BEGIN THE
PROCESS..."

SHINE



...AND THAT THE
TEMPERATURE
MUST BE AT LEAST
**5000 DEGREES
FAHRENHEIT**...



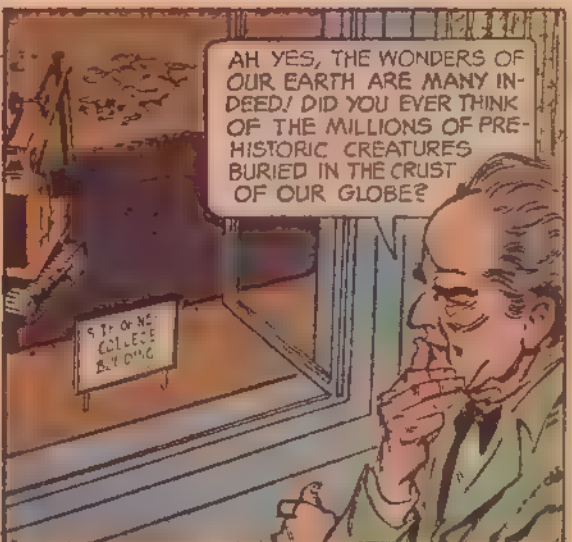
DIAMONDS ARE
CARRIED TO THE
SURFACE THROUGH
FISSURES OF
MOLTEN ROCK THAT
ERUPT UPWARD!



"WHEN THE PRESSURE IN
THE EARTH'S INTERIOR BE-
COMES TOO GREAT WE
HAVE OUR VOLCANIC
ERUPTIONS..."

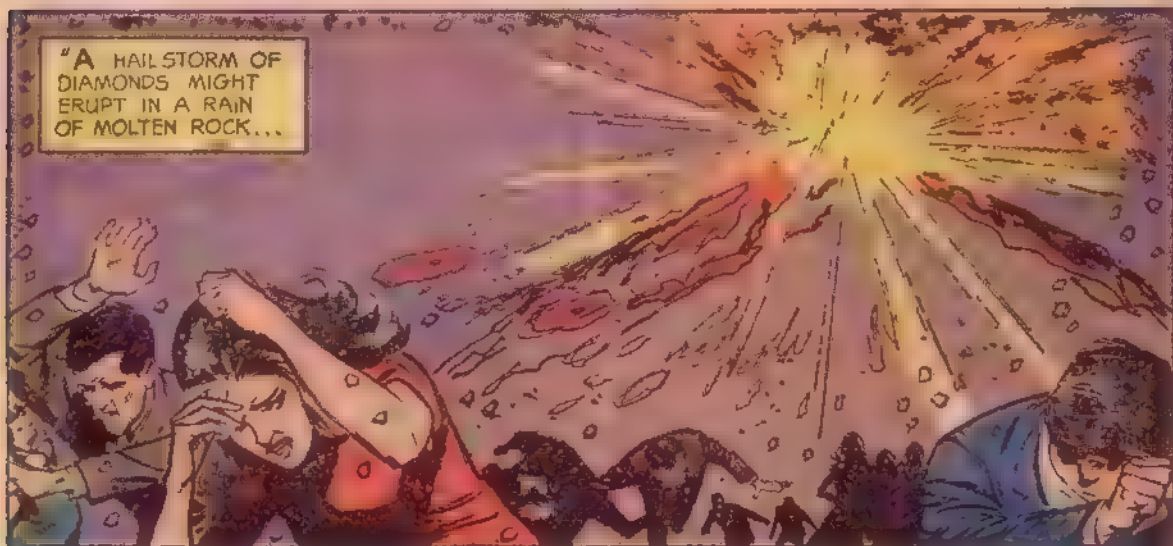
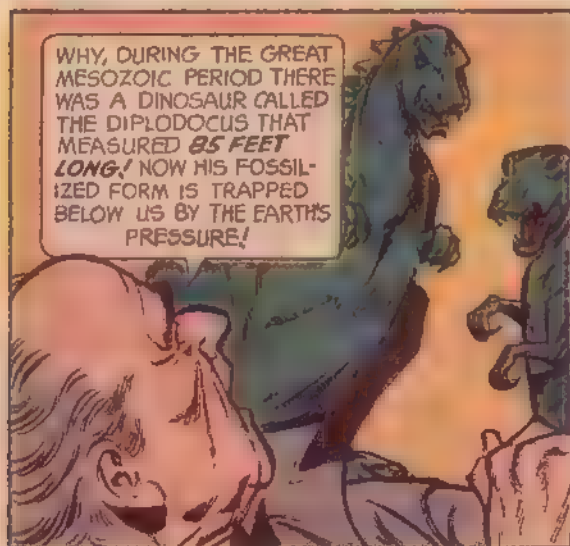
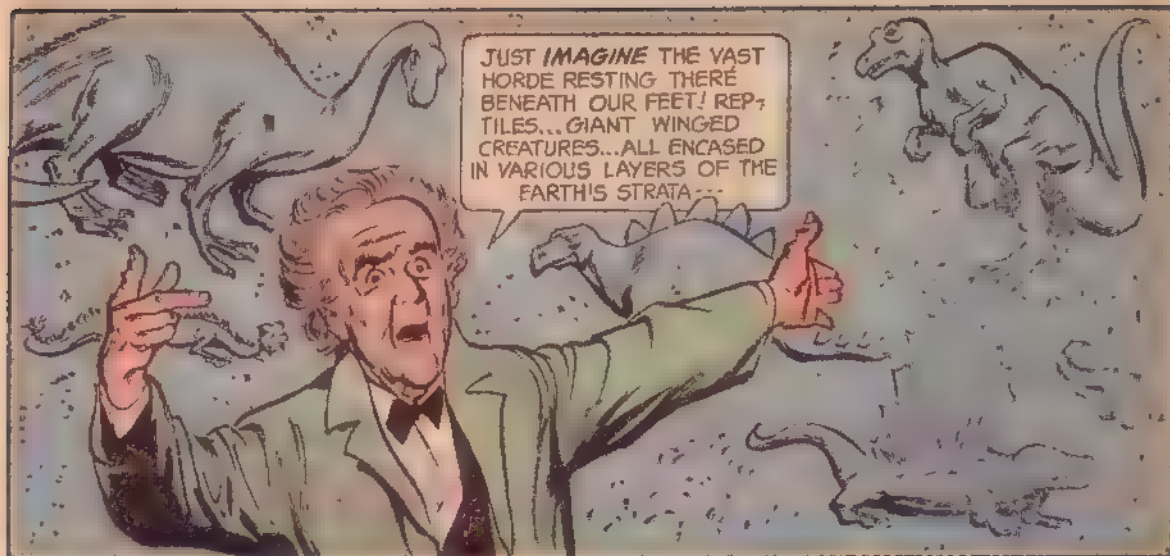


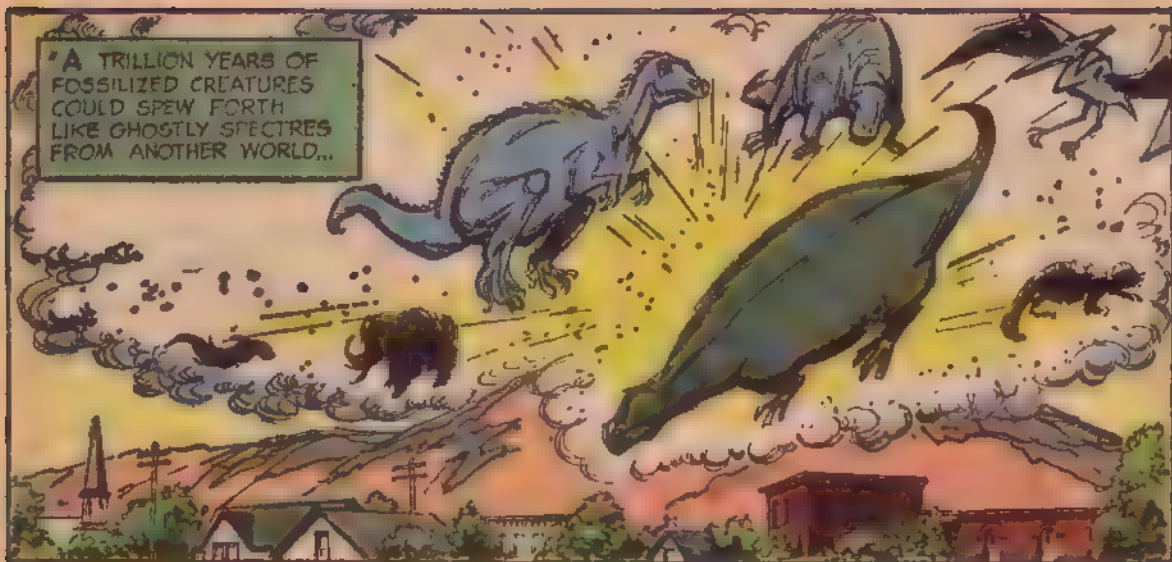
"WHEN IT COOLS,
THERE IS LEFT
WHAT IS CALLED
A **DIAMOND PIPE**
...A MASS OF
BUSHY ROCK
WHICH IS
SEEDED WITH
DIAMONDS..."



AH YES, THE WONDERS OF
OUR EARTH ARE MANY IN-
DEED! DID YOU EVER THINK
OF THE MILLIONS OF PRE-
HISTORIC CREATURES
BURIED IN THE CRUST
OF OUR GLOBE?

STONE
COLLEGE
BUYING





"A TRILLION YEARS OF FOSSILIZED CREATURES COULD SPEW FORTH LIKE GHOSTLY SPECTRES FROM ANOTHER WORLD..."



"AND WHO CAN SAY, PERHAPS SOME OF THESE BRUTES, FROZEN IN UNDERGROUND GLACIERS MIGHT ... COME TO LIFE AGAIN..."

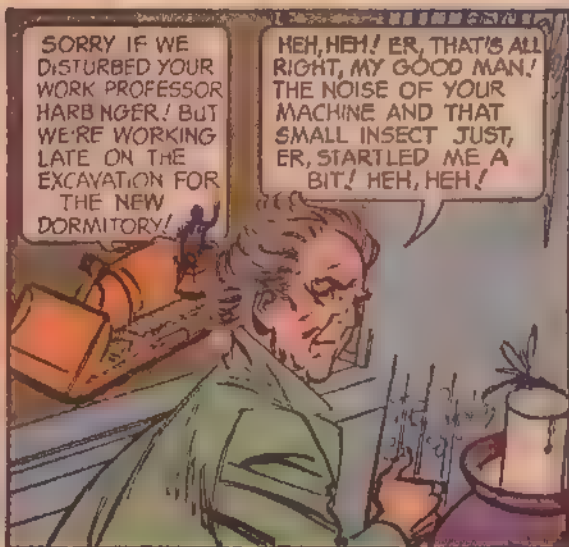


YES, YES... THERE ARE SO *MANY* MYSTERIES OF EARTH WE MUST *STILL* LEARN ABOUT! SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES CAN BE FRIGHTENING INDEED.



ROAR-R-R

Yiiii!
A-A
CREATURE!



SORRY IF WE DISTURBED YOUR WORK PROFESSOR HARBINGER! BUT WE'RE WORKING LATE ON THE EXCAVATION FOR THE NEW DORMITORY!

HEH, HEH! ER, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MY GOOD MAN! THE NOISE OF YOUR MACHINE AND THAT SMALL INSECT JUST, ER, STARTLED ME A BIT! HEH, HEH!

DOCTOR SOLAR

ONLY ONE SHALL SURVIVE

PART II

AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, AN ANGERED MAN OF THE ATOM STREAKS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR TOWARD HIS IMPOSTOR. BUT HIS TORMENTOR DOES NOT MOVE. FOR NIRO-ROBOT, OR IN, HAS PREPARED STILL **ANOTHER** DEVILISH TRAP FOR THE FRUSTRATED SOLAR.

MY DOUBLE'S IMAGE... IN A MIRROR...

AS LIGHT...
I- I'M BEING REFLECTED...

... BETWEEN A **SERIES** OF MIRRORS...
TRAPPED...

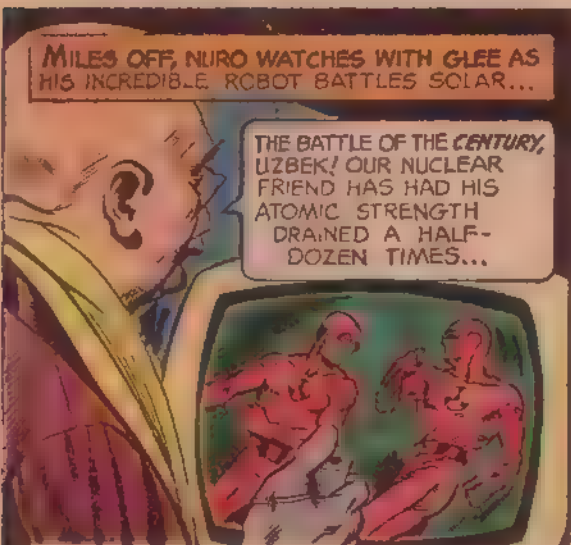
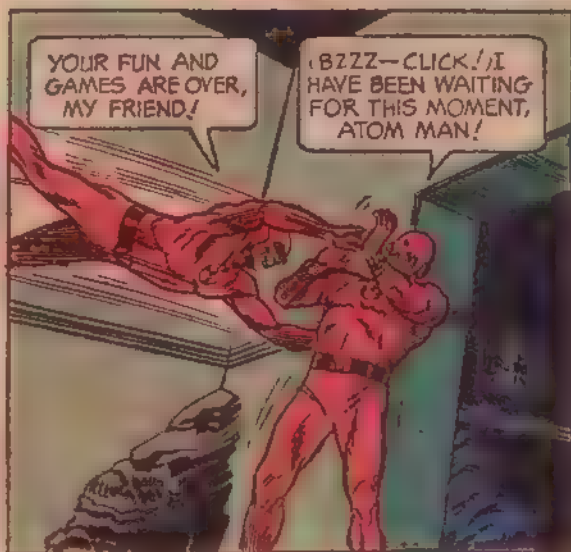
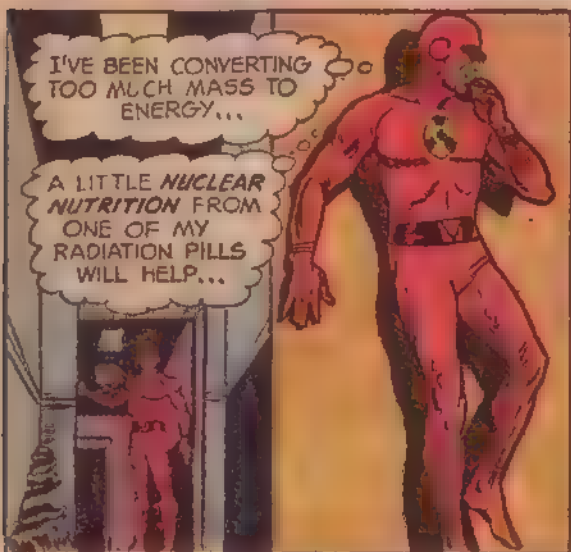
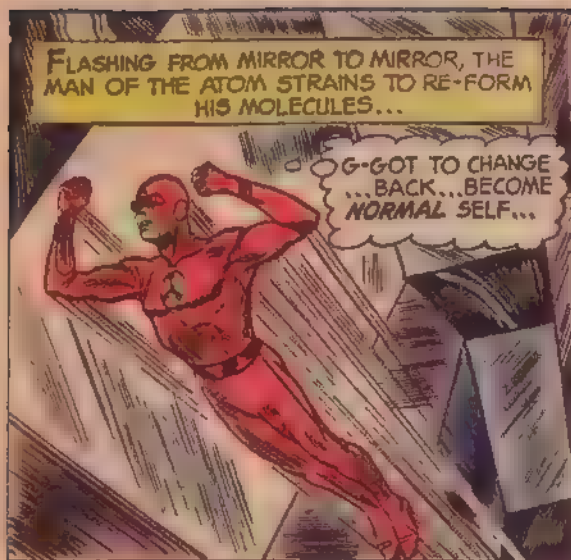
IN AN
ENERGY-SAPPING
RICOCHET!

TRAPPED IN THE INGENUOUS MIRROR MAZE,
SOLAR'S HELPLESS LIGHT FORM VIBRATES
WITH COLORS...

...G- GOT TO BREAK
OUT OF THIS TRAP...

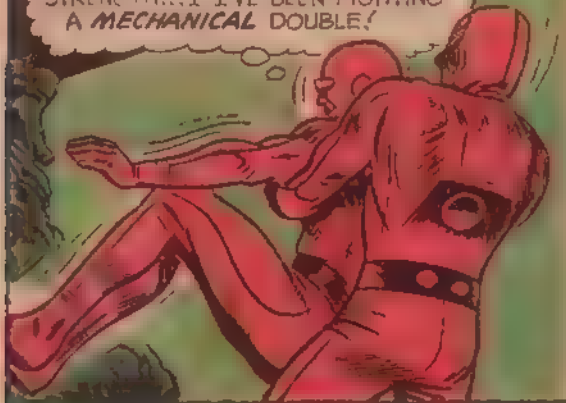
... DRAINING MY
ATOMIC POWERS!

... IT'S SAPPING
MY STRENGTH...



DESPERATELY, SOLAR STRUGGLES IN A BONE-CRUSHING MECHANICAL BEAR HUG...

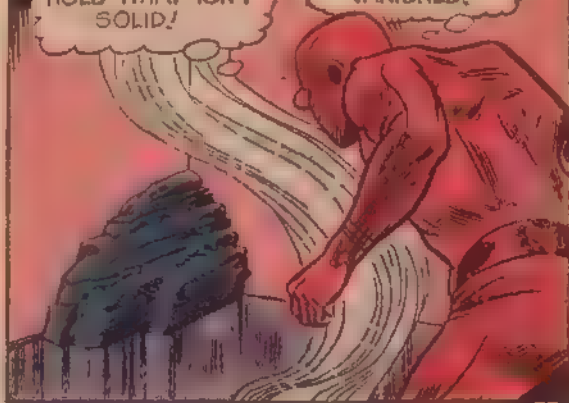
A-A ROBOT... WITH STUPENDOUS STRENGTH... I-I'VE BEEN FIGHTING A MECHANICAL DOUBLE!



DESPERATELY, THE MAN OF THE ATOM CONVERTS HIS BODY INTO ENERGY AND THEN TO GAS!

B...BUT HE CAN'T HOLD WHAT ISN'T SOLID!

UMPH! HE HAS VANISHED!



NURO'S VOICE THUNDERS AT SOLAR THROUGH OPEN...

YOU CAN NOT REMAIN IN A GASEOUS STATE... FOREVER... TO FIGHT AGAIN YOU MUST REFORM...

RIGHT! BUT YOU'VE GOT A SHOCK IN STORE FOR YOU, PAL!



SUDDENLY, SOLAR JABS A HIGH-VOLTAGE SHOOTING FINGER FORWARD... BUT...

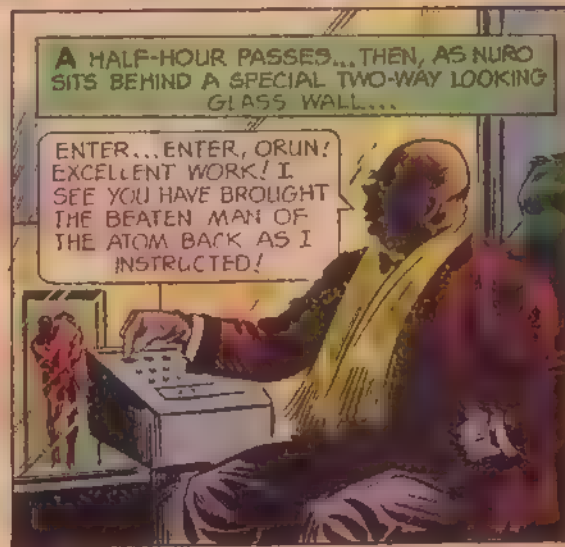
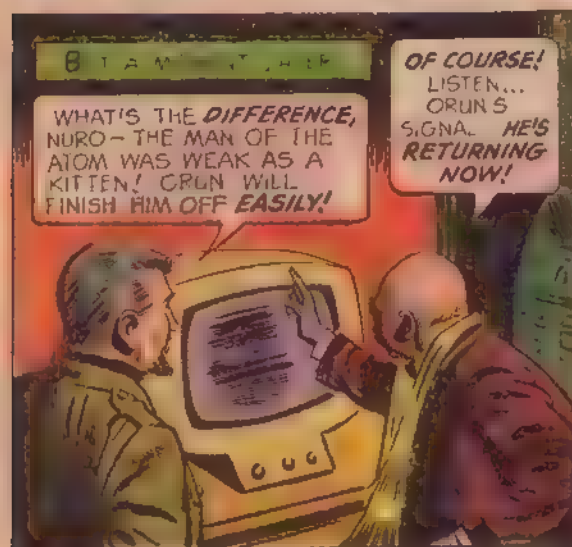
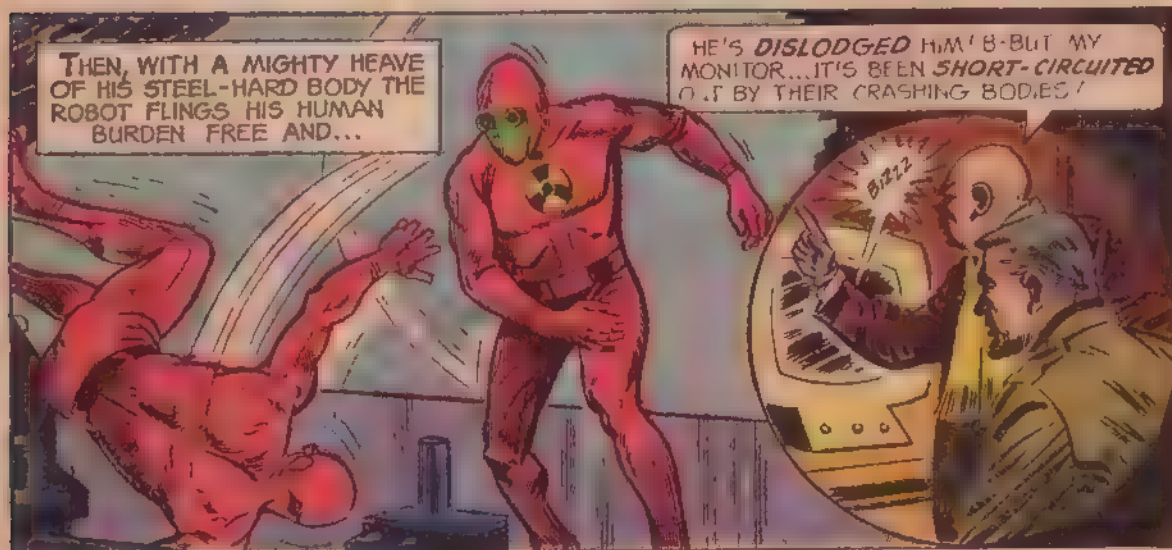
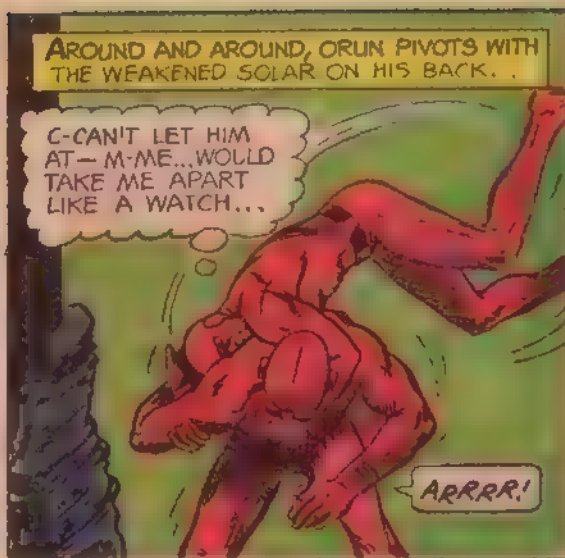
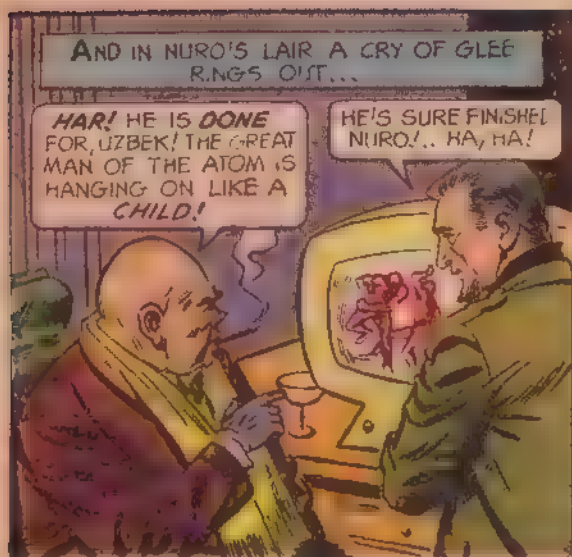
N-NO GOOD... I HAVEN'T ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO SHORT CIRCUIT HIS ELECTRONIC PARTS!

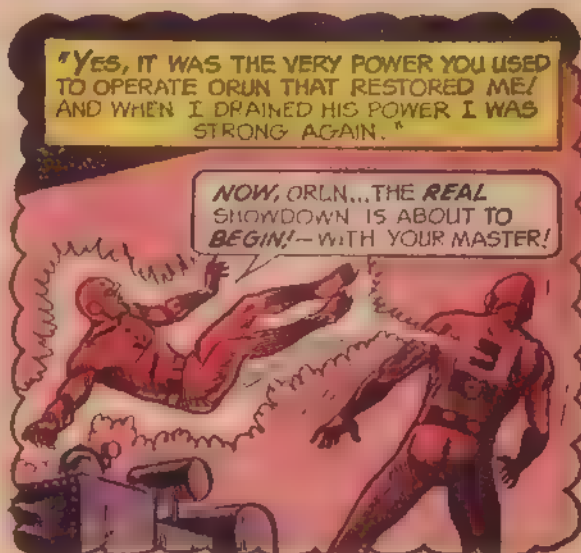
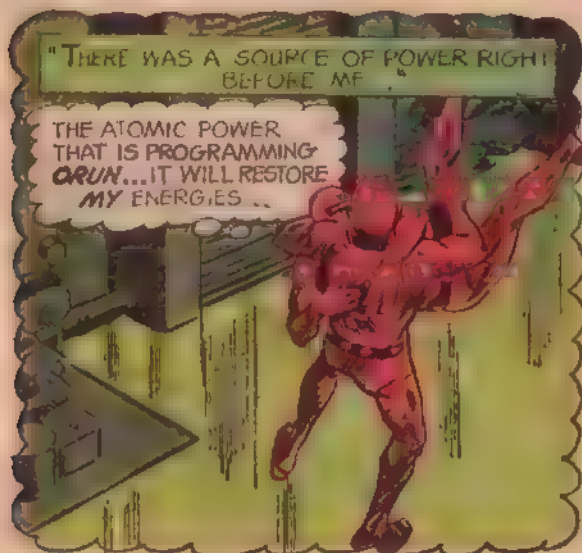
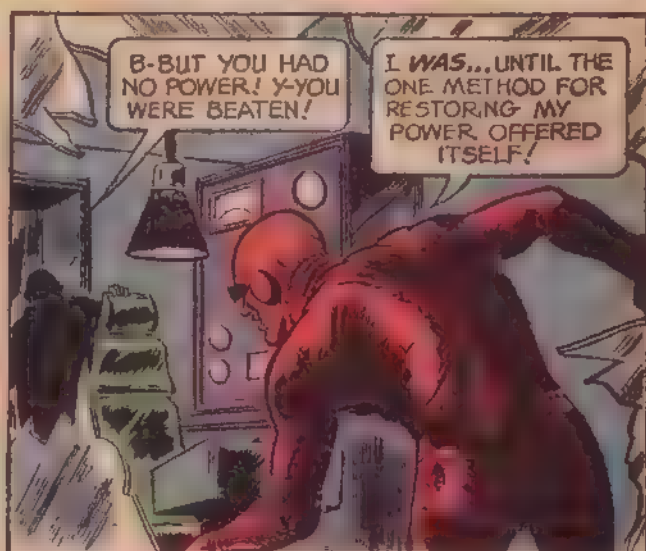
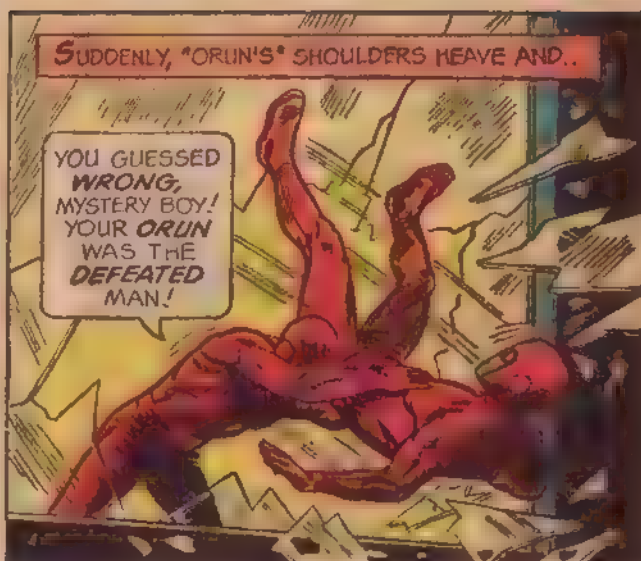


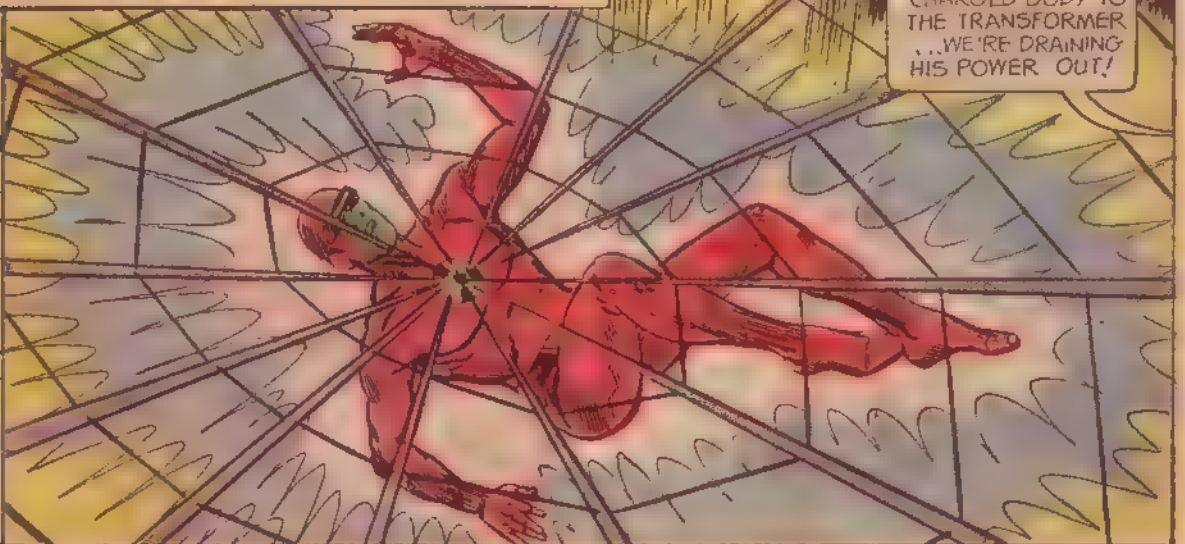
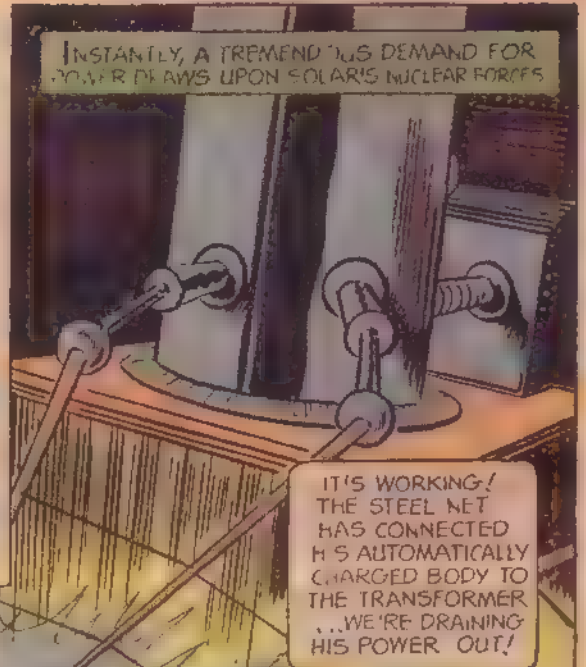
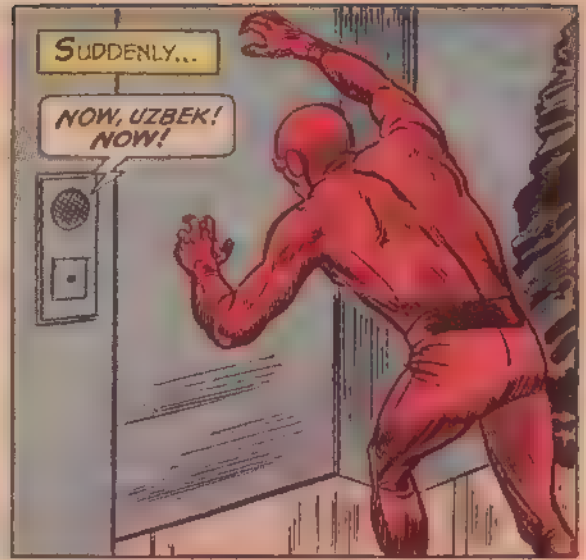
THEN AS A TWO-TON PUNCH CATCHES THE ENFEEBLED MAN OF THE ATOM...

IT IS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR END, ATOMIC WONDER!



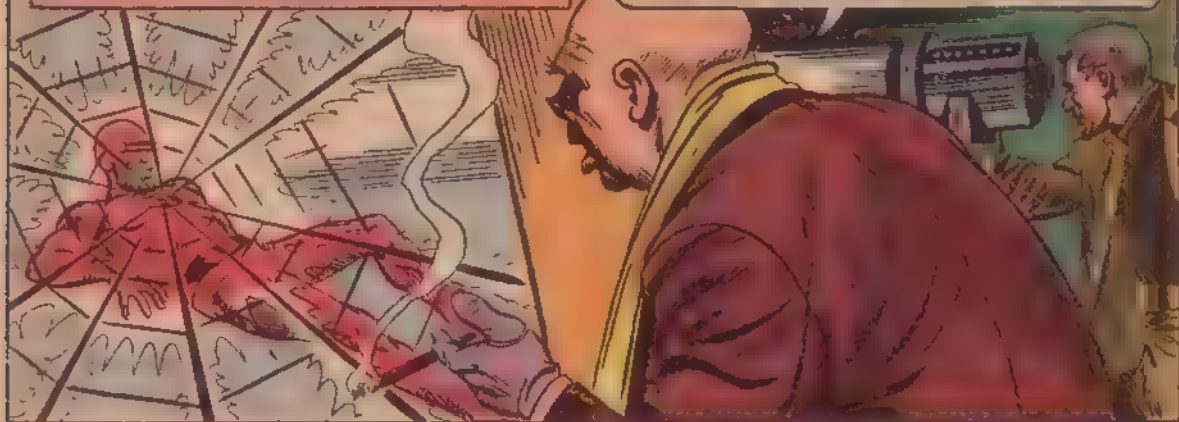






AND A MOMENT LATER AS NURO OBSERVES HIS CAPTIVE, THE WILDEST IMAGINATION OF MAN COULD NOT DREAM WHAT HE HAS IN MIND...

YOU ARE *MINE*, MAN OF THE ATOM! AND I SHALL LET YOU SURVIVE! YES INDEED, FOR YOU WILL HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PURPOSE HERE WITH ME AS LONG AS YOU LAST!



BLINDED BY THE LIGHT AND MAGNETICALLY HELPLESS, SOLAR CAN ONLY STARE AT THE VOICE...

Y'YOU'RE MAD... AND MAD MEN NEVER SURVIVE!

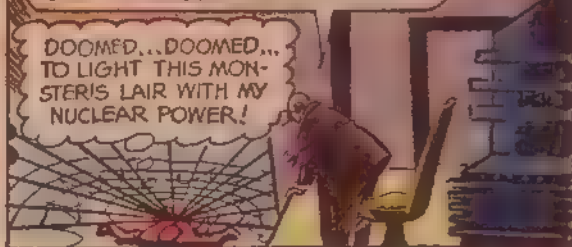
HA, HA, DO THEY NOT? YOU SHALL NEVER SEE ME... BUT OTHERS SHALL SEE *YOU*! OH, YES INDEED THEY SHALL!



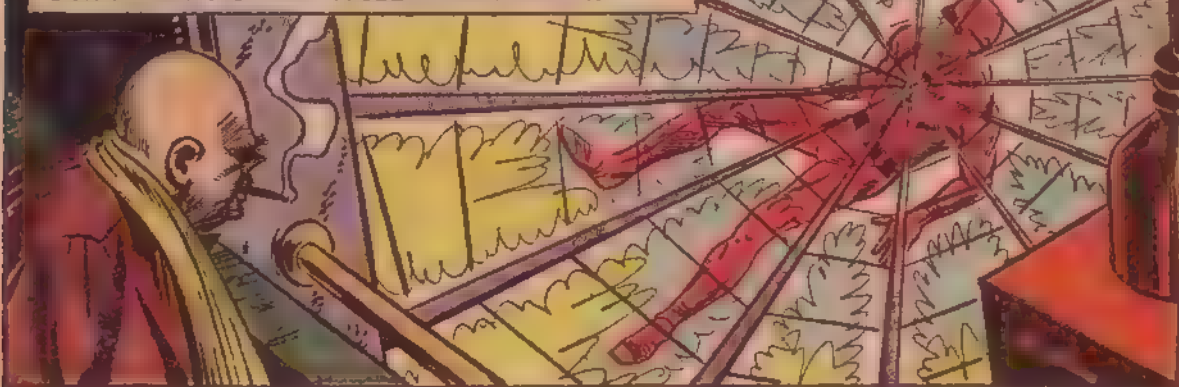
AND THEN THE FULL MAGNITUDE OF NURO'S INCREDIBLE SCHEME IS REVEALED...

FOR YOU SEE, MAN OF THE ATOM, EVEN NOW YOUR ENERGY IS PROVIDING THE POWER TO LIGHT MY ENTIRE UNDERGROUND COMPLEX! AND AS YOUR POWER IS CONSTANTLY DRAINED IT WILL KEEP YOU TOO WEAK TO MUSTER STRENGTH TO ESCAPE!

DOOMED... DOOMED... TO LIGHT THIS MONSTER'S LAIR WITH MY NUCLEAR POWER!



IS THIS THE FINAL ACT OF THE FAMED MAN OF THE ATOM? WITH HIS BODY DISCHARGING A MILLION KILOWATTS OF ENERGY A MINUTE HOW CAN HE MUSTER ENOUGH STRENGTH TO ESCAPE! DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF DR. SOLAR!



SOLAR'S

SCIENCE FORUM

"When are you going to put on a Doctor Solar TV Show? You know that Doctor Solar can freeze things, and you also know he can heat up things to very hot temperatures, but the TV program is up to you."

DAVID RICKEL, /Walla Walla, Washington

The editors would like to see Doctor Solar on TV, but we are not in the TV business, and the decision to put him on TV is not up to us. A number of heroes from comic books have been starred in TV programs, and before too long, we hope Doctor Solar is made into a TV series, too.

"I won't say that I only read your mags, because I don't. I read almost every super hero mag I can, but I will say "Doctor Solar" is the best super hero ever. Mainly because of all the things he can do with his powers. You never get bored watching him do the same things over and over. One reader asked for you to change Doctor Solar's costume. If you do, I'll never speak to you again. He's perfect the way he is. Your covers are fantastic. They look more like photographs than drawings. They make all the other mags look old-fashioned. I can find but one fault, and that is I have only three of your mags and in each one Doctor Solar fights some crackpot named Nuro. Give Doctor Solar some super powered foes to fight. I have one question. What does the emblem on Doctor Solar's chest mean?"

PAUL MARK, /Philadelphia, Pa.

The emblem on Solar's chest is the national radiation symbol established to identify civil defense shelters. Solar wears it on his chest, because, although he is radioactive, his suit protects people from his radioactivity. Solar also thinks of the symbol as a sign that he will use his atomic powers to protect mankind.

"In Issue #10000-509, Solar's energy backfired at Atom Valley. If Solar did not stop the bombardment, how would this affect Solar's strength?"

RALPH VAUGHT, /Kellyville, Oklahoma

Whenever Solar uses his energy to stop a bombardment, or to cause something to happen, he uses up "strength" the way a battery is used up when it lights a bulb in a flashlight. Just as some batteries can be recharged, Solar can be recharged when he goes into the atomic reactor. He has to be careful that he doesn't use up all his energy to the point where he would be "dead."

"I loved reading Doctor Solar #14, named "Solar's Midas Touch," but I think that super heroes can help themselves. I know he was trapped, but other heroes would have gotten out of that kind of fix. Why does Solar wear dark glasses?"

MARK SICA, /Pittcock, Pa.

We tried to make sure that Solar is not invincible in every way, because he would then be beyond any threats from villains, monsters, or other "bad guys." Solar was human and he retains a lot of the human qualities which he had. In "The Midas Touch" story, Solar was sick. He was not properly controlling his energy, and, as a result, made elements into something else by changing their atomic weight. Until he was able to get well again, he was dangerous to things and people around him. Solar wears dark glasses, so that the radiation is stopped which would normally come from his eyes. If he did not wear the glasses to protect those around him, he would give them a deadly dose of radiation and they would get very sick, or die.

"Solar had to battle Nuro's silver fleet. Why would anybody sell so much silver? And why is Nuro black? The best part was when I found out the boats were subs. If there is any chance of putting Solar on TV, let me know."

TOM POWER, /Valparaiso, Indiana

Currency in the U.S. is not backed by gold. It is backed by silver, and bills are called silver certificates. Silver is used in photography and as electrical connectors because it conducts electricity very well. All of these things make silver very valuable. Nuro was hoarding it. The more he was able to hoard, the less supply there was, and the more expensive it became. Nuro is shown in shadow, or only the side of his face is shown, because he is a man of mystery who likes to stay out of the light. He doesn't want anybody to recognize him. If you would like to see Solar on TV, why not write to one of the TV networks and request it? If many readers were to write, we might find that a television network would be interested in putting Solar on TV.

KEEP YOUR LETTERS AND QUESTIONS COMING, AND WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER AS MANY AS WE CAN.
The Editors



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PERSONALITIES — such as you see in the movies and on TV?



LOVE stories?



WAR stories?



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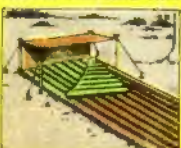
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